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Health Survey

The Lake Cumberland District Health Department is conducting a community health survey for Casey County residents who are at least 18 years old and live or work in Casey County. The survey will reflect what the community believes are the important issues that need to be addressed to improve the health and well being of all residents. Residents are asked to fill out the survey either at the Casey County Health Dept. or online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/CaseyCountyCommunitySurvey. For more information, contact Jelaine Harlow at 606-787-6911, ext. 3221.

No school

The Casey County School system will not hold classes on Friday, Feb. 15 due to Professional Development Day for teachers. Classes will also not be held on Monday, Feb. 18 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Commodities

Commodities will be distributed to income-eligible residents from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today (Wednesday) Feb. 13 at the Casey County Recycling Center. Recipients are asked to bring their own containers.

Meetings

- Liberty City Council will meet in regular session at 5 p.m. today, (Wednesday) Feb. 13, at City Hall.
- The Casey County E-911 Board will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Judge-Executive's office.
- The Casey County Extension District Board will meet at noon Monday, Feb. 18, at the extension office.
- The Economic Development Authority of Liberty-Casey County will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at City Hall.
- Casey County Board of Health annual meeting will be Friday, Feb. 15 at 12 noon at the Village Restaurant.
- Casey County Fiscal Court will meet in regular session on Monday, Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. upstairs in the old Courthouse.

OBITUARIES

Floyd W. Beal, 75
Robert Foster, 55
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Sen. Rand Paul hosts roundtable discussion

By Larry Rowell
Staff Writer

It's no secret that Rand Paul is concerned about America's debt. It was the chief plank in his campaign platform when the Bowling Green physician was elected in 2010 to the U.S. Senate. And in a speech on Friday at the Central Kentucky AG/EXPO Center, Paul pulled no punches in saying that America is literally drowning in a sea of debt.

Paul was in Liberty and spoke for 15 minutes before taking questions from

a roundtable made up of local residents.

"When I ran for office the thing that concerned me most was the debt, what it's doing to America, what it does for your kid's ability to get a job, to get ahead in life," he said. "And the greatness that's in this country? Are we losing it or are we going to be able to keep it?"

Paul said that the U.S. government is borrowing \$50,000 every second, or about \$4 billion a day.

The debt, he said, is at \$16 trillion and may be as high as \$55 trillion with Medicare and Social Security factored in.

Paul said that the U.S. owes China and Japan \$1 trillion each and we're paying them interest on that money.

"We've become the world's greatest debtor nation. Our number one export is our debt," he said.

To correct the situation, Paul said that we can borrow money, or tax people.

And in order to save Social Security, with employees and employers paying a combined 15 percent, that would have to go to 40 percent.

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U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., chats with Casey County Surveyor Richard Montgomery on Friday at the Central Kentucky AG/EXPO Center. Paul was in town to host a roundtable discussion with questions from local residents on a wide range of issues.



RESOURCELESS

Lack of school resource officer in Casey County schools causes concern among students, officials

Casey the only county in area without SRO funding

By Larry Rowell
Staff Writer

With school violence issues continuing to be national news, many schools are re-evaluating their security policies, including debating the necessity of having a certified, trained law enforcement officer on school campuses.

While Casey County school district officials and community leaders don't

question the need for a School Resource Officer, there's a question about who will pay the SRO's salary. And that's the reason a SRO is no longer on duty at Casey County High School.

From 2007-2012, a Liberty Police Officer was on duty at CCHS with responsibilities at the two other schools on the 10-acre campus — Casey County Middle School, and Casey

County Area Technology Center.

The SRO's 2011-12 salary, which was \$43,809.87, was split three ways among the city, school district, and grant money from the Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, said City Clerk Sharleen Rodgers.

Annually, for school years 2007-2009, the district and ASAP each paid \$10,000 while the city picked up the remainder,

Rodgers said.

In 2010-12, the district paid \$11,945 and \$16,904.94, respectively, toward the SRO salary, said Deena Randolph, Manager of District Wide Services.

However, Mayor Steve Sweeney said that the city will no longer contribute to the SRO's salary.

"While I would love to see a SRO out there and the kids would love to see

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Rigdon, Salyers denied bond reduction

By Larry Rowell
Staff Writer

The two men accused of murdering Gleason Pyles last September in Dunnville remain in jail under \$1 million cash bonds.

Security was tight in the Casey Circuit courtroom on Friday with at least 10 armed law enforcement officers as William Bobby Rigdon and David Salyers appeared in separate, back-to-back hearings before Casey Circuit Court Judge Judy Vance, seeking to have their bonds reduced.

Vance denied both requests on the recommendation of Casey County Commonwealth's Attorney Gail L. Williams, who said that both men posed a flight risk based on their membership in the Iron Horsemen Motorcycle Club, with members all across the country

and in Australia.

Rigdon, 24, of Lebanon — represented by public defender Shelby Horn — is charged with murder, accused of shooting Pyles three times while he worked at the pallet mill at Tarter Gate on the night of Sept. 26.

Salyers, 58, who lives in Taylor County, is charged with complicity to commit murder. Police allege that it was Salyers who drove Rigdon to the pallet mill to shoot Pyles.

Detectives speculate that Pyles was murdered for wanting to quit the Iron Horsemen and over a debt on a motorcycle that Pyles owed to Salyers.

Horn told Judge Vance that in the past, Rigdon had appeared in court when summoned and would do so in the future.

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ABOVE, William Bobby Rigdon listens as public defender Shelby Horn asks Casey County Circuit Court Judge Judy Vance to reduce his \$1 million bond, a motion which Judge Vance denied. LEFT, Lebanon defense attorney Ted Lavit makes a point in Casey Circuit Court on Friday in a bond reduction hearing for his client, David Salyers. Judge Vance denied the motion, leaving the bond at \$1 million.

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USPS to halt Saturday delivery

By Amanda Cole
Staff Writer

Your mail may be enjoying a two-day weekend starting in August.

Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer Patrick R. Donahoe made the announcement on Feb. 6 that the U.S. Postal Service will transition to a five-day delivery schedule for mail starting the week of Aug. 5. Package delivery and express mail will continue to be delivered on Saturdays.

"Some people have been a little confused as to what this means," said David Walton, spokesman for the Kentuckyana District with the U.S. Postal Service.

"The only thing changing really is for people who get home delivery. They won't be getting mail delivery on Saturdays. It's just letter mail that will be stopped on Saturdays. If they have a P.O. Box, their mail will continue to be delivered Monday through Saturday. Post offices that are currently open on Saturdays will still be open on Saturdays. There's no change to those at all," Walton said.

Liberty Postmaster Ray Sears said that the 24-hour access to P.O. Boxes will not change.

"That's a paid service. It won't be changed," Sears said, adding that the post office will continue to be open from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays with the possibility of increasing the time if needed.

The Postal Service lost \$15.9 billion dollars during the 2012 fiscal year. They expect to generate a cost savings of approximately \$2 billion annually, once the plan is fully implemented, Walton said.

The decision for the cutoff day to be Saturday was an easy one.

"Saturday has the lowest daily mail volume and more than one-third of U.S. businesses are closed on Saturday," Walton said. "It just made sense."

Just who will be affected by the schedule change?

"It will have the most impact on cities with a lot of street deliveries and those who

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EDITORIAL

Who should pay to protect our kids?

The story in today's issue about the lack of a School Resource Officer at Casey County High School is troubling, if anything.

Up until this school year and for the past five years before that, a Liberty Police Officer patrolled the halls of CCHS during school hours.

And not only was he there to protect the kids, these officers built relationships with them, in some ways becoming a mentor and confidant dealing with the irks and ills of adolescents and their relationships.

But for some reason, a decision couldn't be made before this school year as to how the position could be funded.

In the past, the cost of this almost \$44,000 salary was divided among the city, a \$10,000 drug prevention grant, and the Casey School District.

But now, the city has withdrawn its funding because Mayor Steve Sweeney said it's time someone else step up and bear some of this burden. And while we agree with His Honor, we also think the city should continue to have a stake in this necessary position.

We would also suggest that the Casey County Fiscal Court take a third of this pie, leaving the final slice in this budgetary bill of fare to the District. At \$14,666 each, that's not a deal breaker.

"Where's the funding coming from?" we hear all the time.

If the county can subsidize the Central Kentucky AG/EXPO Center annually to the tune of about \$70,000, and the city can spend thousands of dollars to park what has been called the "caboose to nowhere" downtown, and with the school district sitting on a surplus, why should paying a SRO not be doable?

These kids are our most precious commodity and they should be sent the message that everything humanly possible will be done to ensure their safety.

After all, what's more important, paying to maintain property or protect students?

It's a no brainer for us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Committee needed to redo fire districts

I read Larry Rowell's column about volunteer firemen, which brought back a "been there, done that" moment. He's so right about all the out-of-pocket time and money these men and women unselfishly give. Having been injured as a volunteer firefighter, I can confirm the dangers to which he referred. Chances are the only gratitude one gets for a job well done comes from one's peers. I saved two drowning victims with CPR and didn't get so much as a thank you.

My fire district and polling place is Southeast Casey Fire Department, way out East Ky. 70. To my home near Gilpin on Ky. 501 I'd give them a "snowball's chance in you know where" to contain a fire at my place in a timely fashion. However, Poplar Springs VFD, which is many miles closer and takes care of the homes just across the street from ours, has a real shot at

saving our home.

So why do I pay annual dues to the wrong volunteer fire department? And why do I drive over 20 miles round trip to vote at that polling place when I have a polling place less than a mile from my home?

If others have these same issues, I would be more than happy to serve on a committee to address establishing realistic districts. With input from affected residents, I have no doubt we could do better and create a better place to live.

Let's not just talk about this one, let's start an action committee and get the job done. Perhaps *The Casey County News* could get the ball rolling and lead us in creating a plan on how we go about completing this mission. I'm a willing participant, any other brave volunteers?

Bill Streeter
Liberty

Thank you for 2,578 OCC shoeboxes this year

On behalf of the Casey County Operation Christmas Child team let me offer our heartfelt thanks for the 2,578 gospel opportunities (shoeboxes!) that were collected in Casey County in our 2012 campaign.

Each box represents the hope of Christ and blesses the giver as well as the getter. Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization that uses these simple gift-filled shoeboxes to let hurting children know that they are loved and not forgotten. To date OCC has collected over 100 million shoeboxes since 1993. Boxes collected from Casey County this year are being distributed among children in Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Lesotho, South Sudan, Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo and Ukraine.

Boxes can be built all year and by anyone that wants to

help a child and offer the hope of the gospel. Many churches and groups work on their collections all year and many chose to wait until the fall to begin. Whatever works for you is best and we appreciate every single effort and hope you are planning to continue working with the OCC team this year as we work toward our 2013 collection.

If you would like more information on how to begin, want someone to speak at your church, organization or group; or to get new ideas for box building please contact me. Our team is ready with supplies and ideas to help you along. You may also like us on Facebook at OCC Casey County Relay Center, as well as at www.SamaritansPurse.org.

Again, thank you so much for investing in hope for these precious souls. There is power in a simple gift.

Nicki Johnson
Community Relations
Coordinator

Grammy awards are a lost cause for me

I have to confess that I didn't watch the annual Grammy music awards' program Sunday night.

For one thing, I don't get a lot of this generation's musical groups with names like Ocean, Jay-Z, Kanye West, The Dream, and The Black Keys.

Also, the music, with a beat which sounds like two opossums fighting in a 55-gallon drum, just doesn't move me like the old tunes do.

How can anyone not listen to Glenn Miller's "In the Mood" or "I've Got a Gal in Kalamazoo" or "Pennsylvania 6-5000" and not just close their eyes and be transported back to the early 1940s, when America was at war defeating the Nazis and Japanese?

I recall hearing stories about sitting around the big, boxy Atwater-Kent radio in the living room, with the whole family listening



Larry ROWELL
Staff Writer

to Miller and Artie Shaw and other big band sounds.

I was also told that when the news broadcast came on, nary a word was spoken until the report was over. News was just too hard to come by and while newspapers did an admirable job of keeping residents abreast of the world and local news, radio was the medium whereby breaking news could be given at a moment's notice.

And if a letter had arrived in the mail that day, the family anxiously awaited while it was opened and the news of Aunt Pearl and Uncle Henry — who live far away in Kansas City — was read to the assembled group.



Autumn gardens and the circle of life

"I'm gonna write a book," my friend, Glen Sandusky announced to me when I saw him Sunday morning in the church office.

Glen was grinning from ear to ear, a sure signal he was up to something.

"What are you going to write about?" I played along.

"I'm gonna write about how my preacher kept his garden going in January!" he said.

Then snickering to the audience gathered around him, he proudly proclaimed, "No one told him you can't keep a garden alive in the dead of winter, so he just did it!"

Glen has been my gardening mentor, and I've been a slow learner at times, so I suppose he has a right to boast. My wife, Lori, still seems to know more than I do about gardening. She got an early start, spending summers with her grandparents who gardened.

I, on the other hand, am a city boy, even though I grew up in a town and not a metropolis. What I've learned from gardening has come from friends who have patiently coached me along the way. During planting season I keep several of them on speed dial, "Now how far apart do I plant okra? How deep should I plant those potatoes? Do you think I should pour more Miracle Grow on them?"

This was the first year I



David B. WHITLOCK
Guest
Columnist

tried my hand at a fall garden. In the past, I wearied of gardening by the middle of September, feeling almost like a slave to the garden's neediness: it needed weeding; it needed harvesting; it needed watering; it needed weeding, weeding, weeding. Finally, I would tromp away, exasperated by its demands, fearful that I was descending into a co-dependent relationship: I needed the vegetables; it needed my time!

But this year I caught a second wind and went for it. In September I planted broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, lettuce, kale, and my most prized produce — spinach.

And they thrived. I took pictures in November and December and sent them to family and friends who sent me back admiring comments about my fall garden. My nephew Brian, a beginning gardener as well, was especially beholden, amazed at the lushness of fall in Kentucky compared to drought-stricken Lubbock, Texas, where he lives.

I felt like I was on the verge of graduating from gardening grade school, like the 4H boy in his first

For the younger set, a letter is something that involved a person taking a piece of writing paper and a pen and actually writing something, putting it in an envelope, affixing a stamp and mailing it. It might take anywhere from a few days to a week to arrive at its destination.

The news in the letter might concern the latest arthritis treatment or how Uncle Henry's Easter lilies were beginning to grow even though it wasn't spring.

There was also a sense of anticipation of going to the mailbox every day and discovering what far flung news the mail carrier had delivered in the form of letters.

Possibly it was a card that a friend sent just because they wanted you to know that they were thinking of you. Or maybe a wedding invitation arrived in the

mail announcing cousin Elwood was finally getting hitched to Irene.

Oh, how I pity this younger generation who might never know the feeling of having joy fill the heart at seeing familiar handwriting on the outside of the envelope, knowing that this was hand-crafted news written from the soul of a dear loved one or friend.

If you doubt this, ask anyone who's over the age of 75 and they'll have a smile on their face as they describe the happiness of receiving a letter and reading and treasuring the words contained therein.

And if we wrote more letters, we could probably save the U.S. Postal Service from the brink of bankruptcy if many of us would write at least one letter a week.

Try it and see how satisfying an endeavor it really can be.

showing at the county fair, dreaming of blue ribbons.

Spurred on by the possibilities of success, I worked as if my fall garden were my sole source for food, putting row covers on when the temperature dipped into the 20s, pulling them off when it warmed up, then covering the plants again when a hard freeze threatened. Finally in early January, the week after Glen's acknowledgment of my accomplishment, I closed the garden, leaving only a few rows of kale and spinach — just in case.

"Why did I do that?" I asked myself as I brought in the last of my harvest, cradling it in my arms like a proud papa presenting his first born to the waiting family. "Why this effort to prolong the garden's life?"

Is it just a desire to say I did it? Or is it a matter of enjoying homegrown produce, proving that I can weather the weather, protecting my precious plants weeks after the farmer's markets have closed for winter?

Or is there something else? The end of the growing season, suggesting the ending of life, reveals in me — one who conducts funerals as a part of my job description — the resistance of death as a part of life. I want the greens, yellows, and reds of a fruit laden garden lush with life, not the brown grassed plot of dry deadness.

And anyone who has left an empty, silent schoolroom where there was once laughter and learning, or a vacant house where once a baby giggled and a family grew, or a locker room where once teammates high-fived in celebration and cried together in defeat — knows that saying good-bye to one season of life while the next is yet to be is itself an act of faith, a claim that there is more to come, that the family will stay together somehow, and that the team will remember.

And where there is faith, doubt usually lingers in the corner of the next room, or in the adjacent closet.

Or right beside you.

Or inside you.

And so we want to hold on.

But giving in to death is a part of life — a life that gives rise, in time or beyond time, whether measured in three days or three months, or forever to something new, bright, scary, fascinating, hopeful, and mysterious. As I gaze at the setting sun, standing with my feet at the edge of my barren garden, I long for that garden to be — the one for next season.

And while waiting, I see it.

By faith, it works.

Deep in the cold of winter.

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Special deliveries lead to marriage for couple

By Amanda Cole
Staff Writer

Cupcakes on Fourth Street. Eggs and apples on Main Street.

Kevin Nevels won over Maleena Streeval by bringing her a dozen fresh eggs last summer.

"It all started with the eggs," Maleena said.

But looking back a couple weeks, it could be said it started with cupcakes.

When he first noticed her

On June 28 of last year Maleena brought in cupcakes to Johnny Jordan at Jordan's Wallcovering & Custom Framing on Fourth Street in Danville.

"Johnny had framed something for me and didn't charge me for it and I wanted to repay him so I took him some cupcakes," she said.

Kevin came in to deliver the mail like he does every day and noticed Maleena talking to Johnny.

"I saw her give Johnny a big hug and saw the sincerity in her hug and her voice — everything — and I thought this girl is somebody special," Kevin said.

Kevin and Maleena, both 52, have been working in close proximity to each other in Danville for 12 years.

"We would see each other but we didn't know each other," said Kevin, who works for the Danville Post Office.

Working in the marketing department at Danville's Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center for the last 14 years, Maleena was often around Kevin's delivery routes.

They passed each other countless times, but it was that moment on June 28 that made them stop and notice each other.

"When she left I went to Johnny and said 'who is this girl?'" Kevin said. "Johnny



ABOVE, Maleena Streeval and Kevin Nevels were married on Jan. 18, 2013 in a small ceremony at Jordan's Wallcovering & Custom Framing in Danville, where they first met last summer. LEFT, when Kevin asked her out for the first time he brought her a dozen fresh eggs so Johnny Jordan, owner of Jordan's Wallcovering, gave them a dozen eggs wrapped in a bow on their wedding day.

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told me her name but said she wouldn't go out with me."

Kevin didn't let that stop him though. Over the next few weeks he would say hello using her name when they met each other in Johnny's store.

Then came a day when Kevin couldn't wait any longer.

"I thought I've got to talk to this girl somehow, someday," Kevin said. "This 30 seconds at a time isn't working — this could be forever."

'It's all about the eggs'

So on his day off on Aug. 13, he took her a dozen fresh eggs from the chickens he used to own at his home in Parksville.

"I had to have an excuse to go to her office where she works and that's what I came up with," he said. "Everybody needs eggs."

He didn't know where her office was but he knew the building where she worked on Main Street.

"I get out of the truck and low and behold, she is right

there on the sidewalk walking," he said.

He called out her name and told her he was there to deliver fresh eggs to her. She didn't believe him.

"We talked a couple minutes and she took the eggs and asked if she could do anything to repay me," he said. "I said, 'Well, as a matter of fact there is, I've got tickets for the Allison Krauss concert at Centre College in two weeks, would you want to go?' Without even hesitating, she said 'Yes.'"

But the two couldn't wait that long.

An apple a day can't keep Kevin away

A couple days later, Kevin sent her a text message saying he was going to pick apples with his dad.

"I asked if she would like a bag, a bucket or a barrel-full of apples," Kevin said.

He then delivered the bag of apples to her at work. Before leaving he said, "Oh by the way, I'm free every night for the rest of my life."

From the eggs to the apples and all of the text messages in between, Kevin won her over.

"He's very romantic," she said. "We just hit it off. We feel like God brought us together because both of us have been praying not to be lonely and to find somebody special."

They enjoyed their first date on Aug. 18 and by Oct. 16, Kevin's birthday, they were engaged.

"We were in her kitchen and I said, 'You know what? We just need to get married. Let's vote on it.' So I raised my hand and then I raised hers," Kevin said with a hearty laugh. "And she smiled and I asked, 'Would you, are you serious?' And she said, 'Yes, I will.'"

The rest is history.

The two were married on

Jan. 18 in a small ceremony at Jordan's in Danville where they first met.

Johnny served as Kevin's best man and brought them a carton of eggs wrapped in a bow for the ceremony.

"They're like my kids," Johnny said. "I think the world of both of them."

And they think the world of each other.

"He has a great personality. He's very funny and quick-witted, not too serious," Maleena said, adding that they enjoy the same things — walking, exercising, hiking, going to the beach, and reading.

"I knew I couldn't let him go. He has always treated me like I'm a princess," she said. "He is very selfless. He's the total package for me and I knew I'd be crazy not to marry him."

It was the same for Kevin too — from the first date he knew they were headed for marriage.

"Once we went out I knew this is it," he said. "If she'd have anything to do with me, I knew we'd get married. I knew that on the first date. She's very kind, honest and she cares about people. I was just totally impressed."

And it all started with the eggs.

"Everything just fell in place," Kevin said to Maleena. "The fact that when I parked, there you were. There's been a lot of things like that."

From their first date when Maleena kept pinching him and asking if he was real, they had a hard time believing they had found the other, but now they know their love story is true.

"True stories are always the best," Kevin said as he looked at Maleena sitting next to him. "It's not a fairy tale, it just seems like a fairy tale, doesn't it?"

USPS

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are diehard about getting their mail on Saturday — we highly encourage them to get P.O. Boxes," Walton said.

According to a press release from the Postal Service, market research they've conducted and independent research by major news organizations indicates that nearly seven out

of 10 Americans support the switch to five-day delivery as a way for the Postal Service to reduce costs.

Liberty resident Carole Rudolf is part of the 70 percent.

"They have to do what they have to do. It's part of going with the time," Rudolf said.

She has had a P.O. Box at Liberty for five years because it eases her mind about sensitive mail being kept locked in the post office.

"It keeps bank statements and things secure rather than out in the mailbox on the roadside," she said.

The schedule change has caused new concern for people who receive their medication by mail.

"We know medicine is a great concern," Walton said. "Under this plan, package delivery will still be made on Saturdays. Most medicines are considered packages."

Residents should be aware that mail might not be picked up from the Post Service's blue collection boxes on Saturday, Walton said.

"If people want to mail something on Saturday, we encourage them to drop it off at the post office during regularly scheduled hours," he said. "Otherwise it might not be picked up until Monday."

The announcement comes six months in advance of the schedule change, giving notice to residents and busi-

nesses time to plan and adjust, Walton said.

However, all of the specifics are still being worked out.

"They'll release more information closer to the date," Walton said.

As for the new schedule and its impact on postal employees, it's too early to tell, Walton said, adding that the Postal Service is currently working right now with labor associations to help make the transition as smooth as possible.

Sears is confident there won't be an impact on local postal workers.

"I see no impact to our employees," Sears said. "We'll still deliver to the best of our

ability. We are dedicated to our service and ask that residents be patient and bear with us during the transition."

The Postal Service announced on Friday that it ended the first three months of its 2013 fiscal year (Oct. 1 — Dec. 31, 2012) with a net loss of \$1.3 billion.

Shipping and package volume increased 4 percent, while first-class mail volume declined 4.5 percent compared to the same period last year, which is likely the reason the Postal Service chose to keep package deliveries at six days a week and drop mail to street addresses down to five.

NEWS BRIEFS

2013 Apple Festival dates set

The 39th annual Casey County Apple Festival will be Sept. 20-28, announced Deva Hair, chairperson for the Apple Festival Committee.

"It's always the fourth full weekend in September," Hair said, adding that the announcement was recently made on the festival's Facebook page because they were already getting inquiries from vendors.

Pageants will kick off the festival Friday-Sunday, Sept. 20-22.

Miss Apple Festival Pre-Teen and Teen will be Sept. 20; Miss Casey County Apple Festival will be Sept. 21; and the Apple Baby Pageant, and Little Miss & Mister will be Sept. 22.

The downtown portion of the festival will be Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 26, 27 and 28, featuring hundreds of vendors, live music, contests, food, a parade and a carnival.

Readers of Kentucky Living magazine voted Casey County's Apple Festival as Kentucky's number one festival for 2010 and 2012.

The festival boasts the world's largest apple pie, baked from scratch and served free to the public on the last day of the event. Other giant foods include a 10-foot chocolate chip cookie served by IGA of Liberty on Wednesday night and a pizza sponsored by Pizza Hut of Liberty on Thursday night.

The three-day downtown event is an annual homecoming for many former Casey Countians.

For more information, as well as vendor applications and rules, visit www.caseycountyapplefestival.org.

Creative Writing Contest deadline is Friday

The deadline for the fifth annual Casey County Creative Writing Contest is Friday, Feb. 15.

The contest is presented by the Casey County Public Library, in partnership with the Liberty-Casey County Chamber of Commerce, *The Casey County News*, and Friends of the Library.

This year's challenge is to tell a story — in 150 words or less — that includes the following phrase: "So *that's* what the Mayans were talking about."

Cash prizes of \$75, \$50, and \$25 will be awarded to first-through third-place winners in each age group — middle school (grades 7-8), high school (grades 9-12), and adults (age 18 and up).

Winners will be notified by March 19 and prizes will be awarded on April 6. Winning entrants will also receive certificates and have their stories published in *The Casey County News*.

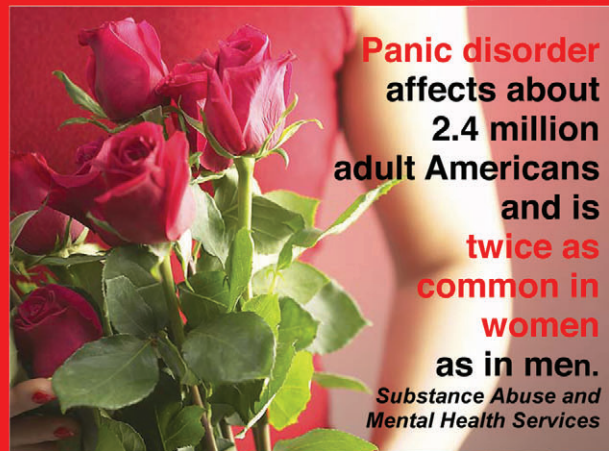
Each entry will be reviewed and scored by three or more independent judges on Creativity and Originality, 50 points; Grammar and Mechanics, 25 points; and Personal Impression, 25 points.

Stories must be typed and double-spaced. Contestants must be a resident of Casey County and work must be original and unpublished. Only one entry is allowed per person and entries will not be returned.

Entries must include a cover sheet with the following information: title of entry; author's name; category (middle school, high school, adult); mailing address; and telephone number.

Entries can be emailed to kathygoode@caseylibrary.org, dropped off at the front desk of the library or mailed to: Casey County Public Library, Creative Writing Contest, 238 Middleburg St., Liberty, Ky. 42539.

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Robert Foster, 55

Robert "Bobby" Foster of Campbellsville passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013 at his residence. He was 55.

Born June 18, 1957, in Campbellsville, he was a son of the late John Eli Foster and Mary Catherine Wethington Foster.

Bobby was a U.S. Army veteran, a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church, and a former construction worker.

Survivors include his brothers, Jeffrey (and Wilma) Foster of Clements-ville and Tommy (and Louise) Foster of Liberty; four sisters, Lynnette Campbell of Campbellsville, Jackie (and Charlie) McAnelly of Liberty, and Vicky Medalie and Pam Foster, both of Bowling Green; and a host of nieces and nephews.



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Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jeff Foster, Vicky Medalie, Leon Miles and Charlie McAnelly.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hosparus of Campbellsville.

Arrangements entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home in Liberty. Guestbook available at www.mckinneybrown.com.

John C. Williams, 73

John C. Williams passed away Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013 at the Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield, Ind. He was 73.

Born Dec. 30, 1939 in Casey County, he was the son of the late Joe Sr. and Bessie Cochran Williams. He was a Marine Corps veteran and worked for the Chrysler Corporation and Crete Trucking. John was a member of the Indianapolis Masonic Lodge # 669.

John was the widower of Agnes Traylor Williams, who passed away June 6, 1988.

Survivors include his longtime companion, Mrs. Wayne Whitaker of Greenfield, Ind.; a daughter, Stacy Nicole Williams of Indianapolis, Ind.; a son, John Wethington; three grandchildren, Cameron and Lauren Wethington and Noah Gribbins; and two sisters, Brenda Williams of Stanford and Bernice Dean of Liberty.

In addition to his parents and wife, he is preceded in



WILLIAMS

death by his step-mother, Edna Williams; four brothers, Rollan Williams, Leonard Williams, George Williams and Joe Williams Jr.; and two sisters, Pauline Sherrer and Catherine Gibson.

Funeral services were Feb. 8 at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Jeremy Atwood officiating. Burial was at the Hustonville Cemetery with military honors by the Casey County Funeral Squad.

Pallbearers were Pat Williams, Philip Williams, Garnett Williams, George Brown, Danny Williams, Paul Reed, Edward Reed and Joseph Goode.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with guestbook available at www.mckinneybrown.com

Funeral mass was held Feb. 9 at St. Bernard Catholic Church with Father Patrick Dolan officiating.

Clyde Goodin Sr. of Liberty passed away peacefully on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013. He was 92 years old.

Born May 29, 1920 in Casey County, he was the son of the late Della Goodin.

He was retired from Dowell's Furniture Store and the Kentuckian Theater. He was a lifelong citizen of Liberty, where he reared his five children.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Docey Roy Goodin of Liberty; a son, Darrell Goodin of Liberty; three daughters, Virginia (and Raymond) Anderson of Lineville, Ala.; Dixie Pendleton of Dunnville and Gail Goodin of Lexington; seven grandchildren, Ricky (and Cathy) Anderson of Carroll, Ga., Anette (and Junior) Harmon of Douglasville, Ga., Randy Anderson and Mark Anderson, both of Lineville, Ala., Tammy Phillips of Gravel Switch, Cherry Kilgallin of Russell Springs and Peggy (and Jason) Hatfield of Sano;

Clyde Goodin Sr., 92



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his mother, he is preceded in death by a sister, Loren Goodin Rigney; a son, Clyde Goodin Jr.; a granddaughter, Tina Goodin; and a great-granddaughter, Dosha Passmore.

Funeral services were Feb. 10 at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Hershel Lawhorn officiating. Burial was at Glenwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Barry Rousey, Derrick Pendleton, Jason Hatfield, Kevin King, Logan Lloyd and Peggy Hatfield.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with guestbook available at www.mckinneybrown.com.

Mildred W. Randolph, 77

Mildred W. Emerson Randolph passed away Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013 at her home in Casey County. She was 77.

Born Nov. 3, 1935 in Casey County, she was the daughter of the late Logan and Monterey Matherly Emerson.

She retired from Cowden's Manufacturing and Liberty Sportswear. Mildred was a member of the Poplar Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Joseph A. (and Susie) Randolph of Liberty; five daughters, Sharon (and Markus) Clements, Beverly Smith, Marilyn Kaye (and Garnett) Brown, and Paulletta (and Joseph B.) Foster, all of Liberty, and Marcie Randolph DeHart of Dunnville; 17 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; a brother, John Emerson of Cincinnati, Ohio; and two



RANDOLPH

is preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were Feb. 12 at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Johnny Maupin and Bro. David Green officiating. Burial was at Valley Oak Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Hospice of Lake Cumberland.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with guestbook available at www.mckinneybrown.com.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and their shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:4

Floyd W. Beal, 75

Floyd Wesley Beal died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013 at his home in Perry County. He was 75.

Born in Casey County on Dec. 2, 1937, he was the son of the late Wesley Beal and Edith Beal Atwood.

Survivors include his wife, Bertie Ison Beal; two daughters, Shelia Johnson

and Sharon Shepherd of Perry County; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters; and six brothers.

Funeral services were Feb. 8 at Brashear-Callahan Funeral Home. Burial was at Arch Halcmb Cemetery in Perry County.

Geraldine Webb, 83

Geraldine "Gerri" Webb of Elizabethtown died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013 at Hardin Memorial Hospital. She was 83.

Born in Cincinnati on Feb. 10, 1929, she was the daughter of the late James Roscoe "J.R." and Alice Hiter Buis.

She was the widow of Col. Lloyd E. "Mugs" Webb.

Survivors include a son,

Thomas "Tom" Webb of Elizabethtown; a daughter, Sandra Turner of Yuma, Ariz.; three step-grandchildren; and a grandson.

A memorial service was held Feb. 11 at Memorial United Methodist Church in Elizabethtown with Dr. Michael Gibbons officiating.

Manakee Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KSP Post 15 investigates 16 accidents in January

During the month of January 2013, there were 16 traffic accidents investigated by the State Police working in the Post 15 area in the 11 counties of Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Marion, Metcalfe, Monroe, Russell, Taylor and Washington.

There were two fatalities during the month of January in the Post 15 area:

■ Glenda Downey of Jamestown was killed in Adair County on Jan. 21.

■ Willie L. Jones of Edmononton was killed in Met-

calfe County Jan. 23.

This brings the yearly fatality count to two compared with three through this same period in 2012.

The statewide fatality count stands at 42 compared with 57 through this same period in 2012.

During the month of January 2013, there were 1112 citations written, 249 courtesy notices written, 1132 vehicles inspected, 666 complaints answered, 68 motorists assisted, 53 criminal cases opened and 217 criminal arrests made.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HAPPENINGS

■ Lifeline Home Health will have a free blood pressure clinic on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at the Casey County Recycling Center from 8 to 11 a.m. and Friday, Feb. 15 at Monticello Bank from 9 to 11 a.m.

■ A produce growers meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 18 at 9:30 a.m. at Casey County Produce Auction, 524 South Fork Creek Road. For more information call 606-787-5158.

■ The Casey County Hospital Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, Feb. 19 in the hospital lobby at 1 p.m.

■ Community sign language classes will be held Jan. 28-March 25 at Kentucky School for the Deaf Kerr Hall. The class will meet every Monday for nine weeks from 6:30 to

8:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by Jan. 21. Call Ina Faye Price, 859-936-6768.

■ Casey County Head Start parent meeting will be Friday, Feb. 22 at 12 noon at the Liberty Head Start building behind Shopko.

■ Cupcake Wars and a chili and soup supper will be held Saturday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. at Brush Creek Fire Department. Cupcakes will be judged at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Relay for Life. Contact Berntha Allen, 606-706-1625 for more information.

■ The Casey County Cattlemen's Association will meet Monday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Ky. AG/EXPO Center. The topic of the meeting is "Hay Wrapping Seminar," sponsored by Greenline Implement Co. RSVP to the Casey County Ex-

tension Office by Friday, Feb. 22 at 4:30 p.m.

■ AARP Tax-Aide will provide free income tax service for Casey County residents on Mondays from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Casey County Senior Citizen Center through Monday, April 8. AARP membership is not required.

REUNIIONS

■ The family of Ernest "Buck" and Faye Atwood Wethington will have a reunion Saturday, April 27 at 123 Cornett Cove Road, Liberty. Contact Gina, 270-528-3032 for more information.

SUPPORT GROUPS

■ Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 8 p.m.

at the Casey County Library Annex Friday, Feb. 15. For more information, call 787-5866.

■ The Casey County A.A. meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church fellowship hall Tuesday, Feb. 19. For more information call 787-7205 or 787-5866.

■ The Casey County Al-Anon meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church fellowship hall Tuesday, Feb. 19. For more information, call 787-9670 or 787-5704.

■ TOPS KY 404 will meet at Westside Christian Church with weigh-in at 5 p.m. and meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21. For more information contact Donna Mills, 787-6431.

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have a youth fellowship service Saturday, Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. at the church. Amanda Johnson will lead the service.

■ Walltown Christian Church will have a singing Sunday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. featuring the Daltons.

■ Casey County Baptist Association free clothing closet is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weather permitting.

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Respectfully,
Wayne Hughes
735 Moxley Rd.
Liberty, KY 42539

Casey District Court

The following cases were disposed of in Casey District Court. Amounts listed include fines and court costs.

Jan. 24

Ronnie Frank Parton, second-degree promoting contraband, plea of guilty, 14 days in jail, credit for time served.

Scott Matthew Wright, second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, waive to grand jury.

William J. Crowe, first offense DUI, second-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and first-degree wanton endangerment, waive to grand jury.

Dennis Dale Wethington, theft by unlawful taking, farm equipment, bind over to grand jury.

Michael P. Coffman, theft by unlawful taking, waive to grand jury.

Terry Lee Goodin, re-

ceiving stolen property over \$300, waive to grand jury.

Jerry Ray Phillips, first offense DUI, plea of guilty, 90 days license suspension, \$725.50; operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, \$25.

Justin R. Atwood, theft by unlawful taking, waive to grand jury.

Brandon D. Coffey, receiving stolen property under \$10,000, dismissed.

Misty Cochran, operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, dismissed.

Jeremy L. Luttrell, first offense DUI, plea of guilty, 90 days license suspension, \$755.50.

Jeffrey D. Tucker Jr., speeding, to inquire about diversion program; license to be in possession, dismissed.

Larry B. Patten, operating ATV on roadway and reckless driving, dismissed; improper passing,

defendant to inquire about diversion program.

Rodolfo Noriega Reyes, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, \$190.50; improper registration plate, dismissed.

Walter F. Skinner, no/expired registration plates, dismissed.

Kimberly Anderson, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Ky. registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, and failure to wear seat belts, dismissed.

Tina I. Brown, no/expired Ky. registration plates, no/expired Ky. registration receipt, dismissed; operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, \$190.50; failure to surrender revoked operator's license, dismissed.

Tiffany C. Phillips, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Ky. Registration receipt, and failure to produce insurance card, dismissed.

Adam T. Deatherage, no/expired registration plates and no/expired Ky. registration receipt, dismissed; failure to produce insurance card, \$190.50.

Jace T. Jikutz, speeding, possession of an open alcohol container in a motor vehicle. person under 18 possession/purchase/attempt to purchase/have another purchase alcohol, and intermediate licensing violations, \$269.50.

John W. Harmon, first offense DUI and failure to produce insurance card, plea of guilty, 90 days license suspension, \$725.50.

Abbie Streeval, theft by deception, plea of guilty, 60 days in jail, suspended if paid in full by May 2.

Jonathan Amanuel Wilson, no operator's license, plea of guilty, \$240.50.

Angela N. Smith, operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, failure to produce insurance card, and failure to notify address change to DOT, plea of guilty, \$240.50.

Jan. 29

Garry Todd Grider, fourth-degree assault domestic violence minor injury, third-degree criminal mischief, second-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, plea of guilty, 90 days in jail, serve 30, balance probated for one year on condition no new complaints and defendant completes drug rehab.

Tracy glass, second-degree promoting contraband, dismiss without prejudice.

Jack L. Ipock, first-degree criminal trespass and terroristic threatening, continue for six months, to be dismissed of no further complaints.

Brandon L. Abrams, fourth-degree assault, minor injury, dismissed.

Dennis Harold Luttrell, first offense DUI, plea of guilty, 90 days license suspension, \$755.50.

Rachel Leeann Woodrum, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, \$190.50.

Reginald B. Davis, speeding, diversion program.

Kyle W. Scott, careless driving, diversion; no/expired registration plates and no/expired Ky. registration receipt, dismissed.

Lori Anne Hatfield, no/expired registration plates, dismissed; failure of owner to maintain required insurance, \$190.50.

Gilberto Lozano-Gonzalez, no operator's license, \$165.50; failure to produce insurance card, dismissed.

James Timothy Gribbins, failure to wear seat belts, federal safety regulations/ inspect/repair/maintenance, parts needed for safe operation, and no/expired Ky. registration receipt, dismissed.

Shawnee Crawley, theft by deception, cold checks, plea of guilty, 10 days in jail if paid in full by March 28.

Jan. 31

Dakoda Lemons, insufficient head lamps, no operator's license, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, no/expired registration plates, failure to

comply with helmet law under 21 years of age, \$310.50; no tail lamps, merge.

Jonathan Amanuel Wilson, fourth-degree assault, domestic violence, minor injury, plea of guilty, 30 days in jail, credit for four, balance suspended for one year if no new violations of law.

Corey McCawley, fourth-degree assault domestic violence minor injury, dismissed; hindering prosecution or apprehension, plea of guilty, 30 days in jail, credit for time served.

Dakoda Lee Tyler Lemons, receiving stolen property under \$10,000, tampering with physical evidence, waive to grand jury.

Debra Gilpin, first offense DUI, dismissed.

Jeremy L. Cook, alcohol intoxication in a public place, dismissed.

Kaleb Compton, third-degree criminal trespassing, plea of guilty, \$280.50.

Joshua Trent Roy, cold checks, dismissed, paid in full.

Roger D. Withers, second-degree disorderly conduct, dismissed.

Lowell M. Stargle, failure to wear seat belts and failure of owner to maintain required insurance, \$215.50; no/expired Ky. registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, improper registration plate, and instructional permit violations, dismissed; failure to produce insurance card, merged.

Cody S. Clark, failure to produce insurance card, \$190.50; no/expired registration plates, dismissed.

Jacob Luttrell, license to be in possession and no/expired registration plates, dismissed.

Uriel U. Graillet, speeding, no/operator/moped license, failure to produce insurance card, \$259.50.

Brittany Robbins, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Ky. registration receipt, dismissed; failure of owner to maintain required insurance, operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, \$215.50.

Joshua Trent Roy, three counts of fourth-degree assault minor injury, plea of guilty, 90 days in jail credit for time served, balance probated for one year if no new violations of the law.

J.C. Simmons, theft by deception, cold checks, plea of guilty, 30 days in jail suspended if paid in full by April 30.

Natasha N. Wilkerson, theft by deception, cold checks, dismissed.

Feb. 5

Robert L. Reed, first offense DUI, plea of guilty, 90 days license suspension,

four days in jail, credit for one; careless driving, dismissed.

Kenny O. Whittle, first offense DUI, plea of guilty, 90 days license suspension, four days in jail, credit for two, \$755.50.

Randy Allen McGehee, first offense DUI, plea of guilty, 90 days license suspension, four days in jail, credit for two, \$755.50; no operator/s license and first-degree criminal trespass, merge.

Justin C. Bastin, theft by unlawful taking, plea of guilty, six months in jail, probated for two years on condition no new violations of law.

Michael Lee Brown, unlawful possession of a meth precursor and first-degree first offense, meth, bind over to grand jury.

Donald Ray Sanders, unlawful possession of a meth precursor and first-degree first offense, meth, bind over to grand jury.

Timothy Allen Argerbright, second-degree forgery and theft by deception, waive to grand jury.

Richard Brent Short Jr., harassing communications, dismissed.

Mark Anthony Montgomery, failure of owner to maintain required insurance and reckless driving, amend to crossing the center line, \$210.50; no operator's license, dismissed.

Stacy N. Clements, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, \$215.50; failure to notify address change to DOT and no/expired registration plates, dismissed.

Robert D. Powell, failure to produce insurance card and failure to wear seat belts, \$215.50; no/expired registration plates, operating a vehicle with expired operator's license, and failure to notify DOT of address change, dismissed.

Anthony Wayne Hogue, public intoxication of a controlled substance, third degree trafficking in a controlled substance, drug unspecified, and endangering the welfare of a minor, plea of guilty, 30 days in jail, credit for time served, balance probated for two years, no new violations of law.

Tracy G. Earles, theft by deception, cold checks, plea of guilty, 45 days in jail suspended if paid in full be May 7.

Melissa Warren theft by deception, cold checks, plea of guilty, 20 days in jail, suspended if paid in full by May 7.

Rachelle Ann Julian-Rosa, theft by deception, cold checks, plea of guilty, 20 days in jail suspended if paid in full by May 7.

Paul Moore, theft by deception, cold checks, plea of guilty, defendant to pay costs within 60 days, by April 11.

NEWS FROM AROUND Kentucky

Lincoln school increases security for student's safety

BOYLE COUNTY (Danville) — Lincoln County High School brought in extra security last week after a student reported a threat to authorities. Superintendent Karen Hatter said a student at LCHS received a phone call during school hours Wednesday. The student answered a cell phone and told authorities it was a former family member threatening to come take the student from the school.

Hatter said any threat should be approached with caution. "We took that very seriously," she said.

Hatter said Stanford police were notified and responded. Officials decided the best approach was to bring in more police officers to the school today as a precaution. Parents were notified through a program called School Messenger, which is generally used for snow days, Hatter said. "We wanted to give people information because we knew that they would be concerned," Hatter said, adding there has been confusion over the nature of the threat. Some parents and students heard false rumors the threat was made against the school, but actually it was made toward the individual student. "We wanted to offer protection for this one person," she said. Principal Tim Godbey said everything was running smoothly after the incident. A few students stayed home because parents were concerned, but attendance was average.

Proposed statewide smoking ban clears panel

FAYETTE COUNTY (Lexington) — A legislative panel approved a measure that would ban smoking inside public places across Kentucky. House Bill 190 would protect nonsmokers from secondhand smoke while allowing people to light up outside, said state Rep. Susan Westrom, sponsor of the measure. This is the second year that the House Health and Welfare Committee has passed a statewide smoking ban sponsored by Westrom, D-Lexington. Gov. Steve Beshear has backed the initiative, and he mentioned HB 190 on Wednesday in his State of the Commonwealth speech. The proposal has never been voted on by the full House, and it would probably have a rough road in the Republican-controlled Senate. Senate President Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, said that the government shouldn't tell businesses they cannot regulate smoking on their own property. House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, said he supports the measure and that sponsors are working to see whether the bill has enough votes to pass the House. Republican Rep. Julie Adams of Louisville, a co-sponsor of HB 190, said 300 organizations have backed the Smoke-Free Kentucky initiative, and polls show that the majority of registered voters support a statewide smoking ban.

Kentucky parents' perception of children's health skewed

FAYETTE COUNTY (Lexington) — Kentucky parents have a skewed view of how healthy their children are, according to the results from the Kentucky Parent Survey, conducted by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. Only 5 percent of parents said they'd been told their children suffered from depression or anxiety, but 25 percent of teens have struggled with anxiety and 11 percent have coped with depression. About 16 percent of parents surveyed said they'd been told their children had tooth decay or cavities. Other research shows that 36 percent of children have untreated tooth decay. Vision problems in children were reported by 14

percent of the parents surveyed, but about 25 percent of pre-school children in Kentucky have vision problems.

While 66 percent of Kentucky parents surveyed said they think their children get enough physical activity, 56 percent report that their children spend more than the recommended two hours a day watching television, playing video games, surfing the Web or otherwise being plugged in to an electronic device. Only 4 percent of parents said they'd been told by a health professional that their children were overweight or obese. Other research shows that 37 percent of Kentucky's kids are at an unhealthy weight. Some studies show that teens drink three times the amount of soda as they did 20 years ago — boys drink 81 gallons of soda, girls drink 61 gallons — but 41 percent of parents surveyed said their children typically drink no sugary drinks. Parents say they think exercise is important, and 24 percent live less than a mile from school, but only about 7 percent of children walk or bike to school. A majority of parents — 88 percent — say it's important for school meals to be nutritious. Only about 23 percent think they really are. More than half of parents discussed their views on smoking or tobacco use and bullying with their children. But about one in 10 never discussed those topics with their kids. The survey also shows that about 43 percent had talked to their child about drinking alcohol, while 17 percent remained closed-lipped on the subject.

State lawmakers take up gun debate

FRANKLIN COUNTY (Frankfort) — In the wake of the fatal school shooting in Newtown, Conn., and possible federal firearm regulations, the debate on gun rights is taking shape in the 2013 legislative session. Democratic lawmakers introduced House Bill 265, which would require background checks for private firearm sales, ban firearms on college and university campuses, require the use of safety measures like gun safes and locks, and allow local governments to set gun regulations. HB 265 would not ban assault weapons or high-capacity ammunition magazines, said Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, the bill's primary sponsor. When asked about HB 265's chances of passing the General Assembly, Wayne said he's "hopeful" the bill gets a committee hearing and "eternally hopeful" a comprehensive gun control measure can pass. In a state that affirmed the right to hunt in its constitution and last year passed a law limiting cities and counties from enacting local firearm ordinances, HB 265 seems to face a steep uphill climb. HB 265 is the first bill aimed at gun control, but others have been filed in the 2013 session that would mitigate new federal regulations on firearms in Kentucky. Senate Bill 92 would adopt some current federal gun laws and make new federal firearm measures unenforceable in Kentucky.

Gun, knives found in students' backpacks

TAYLOR COUNTY (Campbellsville) — A gun and two knives were found at Campbellsville Elementary School on Friday. According to a Campbellsville Police report, officers responded to CES at 1:02 p.m. after receiving a report of a juvenile possibly in possession of a handgun. Upon arrival, officers found a .38 caliber handgun and two fold-out style knives in two students' backpacks.

The students were detained, according to the report, and the investigation is ongoing with possible charges pending. There were no reported injuries or threats pertaining to the incident.

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Petite Miss Bluegrass

Gracie Johnson, 10, won the Petite Miss Bluegrass Area in Georgetown on Feb. 2. She will compete at the state level in June. She is the daughter of Leo and Kim Johnson of Windsor.



95th birthday

Former Casey County resident Rose Oldham and her twin sister Lorene Chapman celebrated their 95th birthdays on Dec. 3. Rose lives in Amelia, Ohio, and Lorene resides in Liberty. Shortly after her birthday, Rose received a key to Amelia and a proclamation from the mayor as the oldest resident. Pictured is Rose receiving the key from Mayor Todd Hart.

Students offer free tax preparation

Lindsey Wilson College accounting students are offering a tax break for area residents this season — free income tax preparation.

Through a partnership with the AARP Foundation, Lindsey Wilson students — under the supervision of an accounting professor — are offering free tax preparation every Monday night through April 8 to area residents. The service is part of the AARP Tax-Aide Program.

AARP membership is not required to take advantage of the free service, and there are no age restrictions.

Area residents will be assisted by volunteer student counselors who have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service.

After the tax preparation is complete, the counselors will file returns electronically, free of charge.

The free service is offered from 4-7:30 p.m. CT every Monday through April 8 on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointments are accepted.

The counselors are Lindsey Wilson accounting students, who are certified by the IRS to prepare basic, individual tax returns.

To take advantage of the free service, residents should bring a legal picture identification card; a Social Security card for the taxpayer and all dependents; copies of last year's federal and state tax returns; all relevant documentation of income and expenses of the current tax year, such as W-2 and 1099 forms. If spouses file jointly, they must attend the session together, and each spouse must have a legal photo ID card and Social Security card.

For more information about the free service, contact LWC VISTA Coordinator Candice Armstrong at armstrongc@lindsey.edu or (270) 384-7375.

How to divvy up your personal possessions

Dear Savvy Senior,
What's the best, conflict-free way to divvy up my personal possessions to my kids after I'm gone? I have a lot of jewelry, art, family heirlooms and antique furniture, and five grown kids that don't always see eye-to-eye on things. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

Seeking Peace

Dear Seeking,
Divvying up personal possessions among adult children or other loved ones is a task that many parents dread. Deciding who should get what without showing favoritism, hurting someone's feeling or causing a feud can be difficult, even for close-knit families who enter the process with the best of intentions. Here are some tips to consider that can help you divide your stuff with minimal conflict.

The Problem Areas

For starters, you need to be aware that it's usually the small, simple items of little monetary value that cause the most conflicts. This is because the value we attach to the small personal possessions is usually sentimental or emotional, and because the simple items are the things that most families fail to talk about.

Savvy Senior Ask A Senior Question Get A Savvy Answer



Family battles can also escalate over whether things are being divided fairly by monetary value. So for items of higher value like your jewelry, antiques and art, consider getting an appraisal to assure fair distribution. To locate an appraiser, visit appraisers.org.

Ways To Divvy

The best solution for passing along your personal possessions is for you to go through your house with your kids (or other heirs) either separately or all at once. Open up cabinets, drawers and closets, and go through boxes in the attic to find out which items they would like to inherit and why. They may have some emotional attachment to something you're not aware of. If more than one child wants the same thing, you will have the ultimate say.

Then you need to sit

down and make a list of who gets what on paper, signed, dated and referenced in your will. You can revise it anytime you want. You may also want to consider writing an additional letter or create an audio tape, CD or DVD that further explains your intentions.

You can also specify a strategy for divvying up the rest of your property. Some fair and reasonable options include:

— Take turns choosing: Use a round-robin process where family members take turns picking out items they would like to have. If who goes first becomes an issue, they can always flip a coin or draw straws. Also, to help simplify things, break down the dividing process room-by-room, versus tackling the entire house.

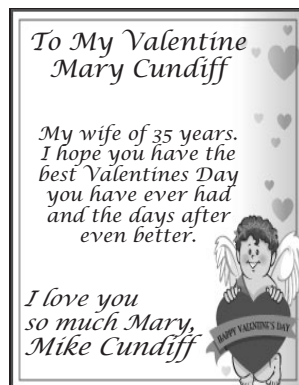
— Have a family auction: Give each person involved the same amount of "play money," or use

"virtual points" to bid on the items they want. This can also be done online at eDivvyup.com, a website for families and estate executors that provides a fair and easy way to distribute of personal property.

For more ideas, see "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?" A resource created by the University of Minnesota Extension Service that offers a detailed workbook or interactive CD for \$12.50, and DVD for \$30, that gives pointers to help families discuss property distribution and lists important factors to keep in mind that can help avoid conflict. You can order a copy online at yellowpieplate.umn.edu or by calling 800-876-8636.

It's also very important that you discuss your plans in advance with your kids so they can know ahead what to expect. Or, you may even want to start distributing some of your items now, while you can still alive.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit Savvy-Senior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



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Casey County Senior Citizens Center menu, calendar for Feb. 13-19

Menu

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — Baked ham, potato soup, orange, bread, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 14 — Polish sausage, black eyed peas, sauerkraut, pineapple chunks, milk.

Friday, Feb. 15 — Potluck. (Frozen meal, oven fried chicken, corn, broccoli, applesauce, milk.)

Monday, Feb. 18 — Country meatballs with gravy, peas, zucchini and

tomatoes, pineapple bits, milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 19 — Orange barbecue chicken, carrots, green beans, pears, milk.

Calendar

Feb. 13 — 8 a.m. Crossword and Coffee; 9 a.m. County Commodities.

Feb. 14 — Valentines party; 9 a.m. Exercise with Lifeline Home Health; 12 p.m. Bingo with Amedisys

Home Health.

Feb. 15 — Potluck. 10 a.m. Music.

Feb. 18 — 8 a.m. Crossword and Coffee.

Feb. 19 — 9 a.m. Exercise with Lifeline Home Health. 12 p.m. Bingo with Lisa from Casey County Extension Office.

For more information about upcoming events at the Casey County Senior Citizens Center, call the center at 606-787-7951.

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Proverbs 3:5-6

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Bruce's Chapel

Attendance was 56. Bro. Creech Richardson's message, "This Life is Taxing," was from Romans 13. The children's sermon was by Angie Meeks. Casperina Barradas celebrated a birthday. The annual Valentine's dinner was Sunday night. We will have a Christian Youth Fellowship service Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. at the church. Amanda Johnson will lead the service.

Brush Creek

Attendance was 60 with 21 children in the penny march.

Jewell Payton, Jaxon Piercy and Kaden Atwood celebrated birthdays.

Bro. Bearl King's Wednesday night message, "If You Don't Love Your Neighbor, You Don't Love God," was from Luke 10:25-37.

Saturday night, Bro. Steve Lynn's message, "Put on the Whole Armour of God," was from Ephesians 6:10-18.

Bro. Gary Taylor's Sunday night message, "The Spirit of God," was from Joel 2:28-29 and Acts 2:17-20.

Prayer list: Noah Laman, Jeff and Debbie Wilson, Joyce Cochran, Betty Beal, Archie Coffman, Jim and Deana Collett and baby, Jordan Christian, Rodney Cochran, Suzie Allen, Randall Vaught, Doris Brown, Phyllis Foley, Paul Hale, Ed Carrier, Bernadine Douglas, Kenneth Lay's son, Bobbie Hess, and Marty and Jolean Edwards.

Ellisburg

Had 74 in attendance. Bro. Jerry's message, "Prayer, the Key to a Gracious Giver," was from Matthew 6:19-24. Special music was by the Maids, and Kacy and Johnny Ellis.

Evening attendance was 39. The message, "Faith Before the Flood," was from Hebrews 11:1-7. Special music was by Gospel Three.

Prayer list: Larry Terrell, Lucille Bennett, Sherwood King, Arvis Crews, and Rachael Blakeman.

First Baptist

Attendance for Sunday school was 95 with 135 for worship. Marcenia had the children's message with Beth Dotson, Molly Demrow and Anna Jones in a skit about how we judge others.

Bro. Jimmy's message, "Where Did It Fall" was from II Kings 6:1-6. Following the service, a youth-sponsored spaghetti lunch was served with donations going to the World Vision Thirty-Hour Famine project.

Business meeting will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. along with the youth activities. Next Sunday will be High Attendance Day in Sunday School. Bro. Chris Dalton will be speaking at the evening service.

Prayer list: Inez Cain, Wilma Combs, Geraldine Salyers, Glenna Stephens, Jean Ellis and Randall Vaught.

First Christian

Prayer was requested for Karis Cundiff, Sally Davis, Jean and Tom Ellis, Jerry Hoskins, Susan Hoskins, Mary Lou Lester, Chad Currey, Clyde Goodin, Geri Buis Webb family, Samantha White, Edgar Hodges, and Fritzie Lester's father, Chris.

Congratulations to Chanie (Costello) and Ian Clark on the birth of their son, Hudson Kai, born Feb. 8, 2013. He arrived weighing 9 pounds, 9.4 ounces and measuring 23 inches. Hilda Costello is the grandmother.

Lydia Coffey presented the children's sermon about the damage caused by hurtful remarks and actions.

Grant Chambers celebrated a birthday.

Mary Lee Moxley read the Psalm. Special music was presented by Marcy Johnson.

Ash Wednesday worship service is Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. following a soup and sandwich meal.

Regular Tuesday evening events include worship at 6:30 p.m. and Alcoholics Anonymous/Alanon at 8 p.m.

Wednesday's meetings include Children's Choir at

5:15 p.m., church supper at 6 p.m., Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m., and choir practice at 7 p.m.

Goose Creek

Attendance was 15 for Sunday school and worship and 17 Sunday night.

Bro. David Morris brought the morning and evening messages, "The Will of the Lord," from Matthew 14:22-33 and "Make Full Proof" from II Timothy 2:15 and 4:1-5.

Merilene Coffman had a birthday.

Prayer requests: Noah Laman, Geraldine Asberry and family, Delphia Rogers, Sharon Foley and family, Sue and Jeff Stafford, Dorothy Allen, Bonnie Meeks, David Morris and family, Cleo and Robin Harris, David and Danny Absher, Roxie Peavey, Donnie and Imie Hiter, Chrissy and Kyler Harris, DeVario Whitehead, Billy Hewitt and family, Merilene Coffman, Noel Rodgers and family, and Jr. Wilson and grandma.

Hwy. 49

Attendance was 47. Bro. Phillip Smallwood taught from II Timothy 4. Bro. Shirley Denson's evening message, "Seek the Grace of God," was from II Chronicles 7:14.

Bro. Phillip preached Wednesday evening from I John 4:1-13 and I Corinthians 13.

Prayer requests: Karen Selch, Anthony Drury, Lottie Radar, Marty and Joe Edwards, Jeff Wilson, Gary and Nettie Lynn, William and Nancy Shoopman, Gary Hatter, Anita Wheeler, Paul Hale, Rufus Edwards, Taylor Durham, Jamie Smallwood, Christy Rodgers, Wayne and Earlene Owens, Pat Wilkey, Tyler Skaggs, and Charlie and Pat Harmon

Jennie's Chapel

Attendance was 57. Pastor Wayne Cole's message, "God Loves Us" was from I John. The youth told about the Winter Blitz trip.

Sunday night service was from II Samuel 12.

Middleburg Baptist

Bro. Ronnie Haste used Luke 15:11-32 for his message, "The Far Country."

Those with February birthdays are Audrey Bastin, Connie Delk, Irene Hammonds, Shelley Haste, Melyssa Hibpshman, P. D. Lanham, Kathy Lucas, Ethan Murphy, and Mary Ann Young. Marie and P.D. Lanham celebrated their 40th anniversary.

Bro. Tim Harris was our guest speaker on Sunday evening. He first provided special music, then read Genesis 2:18-24 for his message of how the Bible says a husband should treat his wife. Sunday will be the senior adult luncheon hosted by the middle and high school classes. Prayer list: Jeff Bastin, Angela Black, Faith Bradley, Bentley Collett, Kaden Haste and family, Mike Hatter, Noah Laman, Jones Lawless, Janice McElroy, Georgianna Murphy, Brian Stucker, Lois Wilson, and the family of Dennis Croucher.

Mt. Calvary Baptist

Attendance for Sunday school was 13 with 34 for worship. Bro. Johnny's message for the children's service was "God Wants To Be Your Valentine." His sermon was about love and how to have great relationships with those we care about from I Corinthians 13:1-13. Celebrating a birthday was Lynette Black and anniversaries were Creech and Charlotte Carman and Joe and Lynette Black.

Evening attendance was 18. The message, "Are You Satisfied With Yourself?" was from Genesis 1:26, Proverbs 18:22, Philippians 4:11-12 and Ephesians 5:25.

Wednesday night Iva Hatter will be teaching the children's class at 6 p.m. Feb. 17 will be the skating party in Somerset. Lunch will be served after service.

Prayer requests: June

Phelps, Janice McElroy, Carol Sanders and Bobby Foster families, Kenneth Durham, Iva Jo Powell, Jake Vest, Iva Hatter, Brian Cravens, Brian and Blayne Shepard, Vanessa Stokes, Rodney Hucklebee, Glenis Foster, Noah Laman, Evy Lee Lanigan, Allison Tammy, Teresa Phelps, Joe and Julie Hamilton, Sherri Morgan, Paula Meeley, Mark McQueary, Sue Clements, Johnny Maupin, and Janet Allen.

Mt. Calvary Comm

Attendance was 40. Bro. Paul Wilkerson read Acts 15:18-21 as devotional, "Advice of James." Bro. Josh Robinson read I Thessalonians 2, "Ye Are Witnesses."

Bro. Clifford Dehart's message was from II Timothy 3, "Careless Times."

Amber Knight and Dennis Chumbley celebrated birthdays.

Prayer requests: Cathy Cox, Amber Knight, Ronald and Kim Dehart, Glen and Brenda Dehart, Jeremy Wilkerson, Keith Davis, Joseph Nix, Rosemary Daniels, Sharon Foley, Joe Cain, Randy Price family, Kim Goad family, Eric Price, Mabel and Bub Morgan, Pete Lee family, David Asberry family, Bill Decker, Clifford and Phyllis Dehart, Hagan Wilkerson, and Bobby and Holly Price.

Mt. Olive

Had 74 for Sunday school. The lesson, "Raised With Christ," was from Colossians 2. Worship service had 124. The message, "Jesus Calls Us To A Higher Standard," was from Matthew 18:21-35. Ryan Hines read the scripture.

Birthdays were McKenzie Foley, Michael Foley, Donna Floyd, Emma Cravens, Gail Ware and Conner Wesley.

Evening attendance was 42. The message, "What Joseph Did When His Breakthrough Did Not Come," was from Genesis 40:1-8.

Bible study is Wednesday at 7 p.m. from I Samuel 4-5.

Old Time

Attendance was 22 for Sunday school. Bro. Ricky Rodgers' devotion from Isaiah 6:8. Bro. Tony Rodgers taught from Hosea 10:10-15. Worship attendance was 33. Bro. Ricky preached from Luke 9:51-56, "Folks Can Tell When We Go in the Spirit."

Evening attendance was 24. Bro. Ricky preached from Mark 5:24-34, "Having to Get to Jesus."

Prayer requests: Betsy Coleman, Angie Mason, Danny Hall, Karen Mason, Willa Keith, Jr. Pemberton, Andrew and Lacey Luttrell, Barbara Burton, Kevin Brown and family, Randall Vaught, David Wilson, Marie Buck and family, Tony Rodgers, Megan Shelton, Sleanna Robbins, and Inez Cain.

Pleasant Grove

Bro. Steve taught the lesson from Matthew 19 on Wednesday evening. Attendance was 18.

Sunday school was led by Bro. Mark Atwood reading Isaiah 38. Attendance was 32.

Bro. Steve Warner's message was from Ezekiel 3:10-22, "We Are a Watchman." Attendance was 48.

Bro. Steve's evening

message was from Job 1:1-12, "Satan Can't Touch Us Without God's Permission." Attendance was 20.

Prayer request: Barbara Burton, Ricky Chesser, Archie Coffman, Brookley Davis, Carrie Atwood, John Lay, Billy Wilson, Donnie Wilson's mother, Fayrene Roy, Mabel Allen, Larry Short, families of Clyde Goodin, Martha Allen and Buster Griffin.

Poplar Grove

Had 48 in attendance. Bro. Brent's message, "Our Responsibility Before Christ Comes," was from II Peter 3:11-18. Mona Whited had the children's message.

Nancy Kelly from Moreland Christian Church will speak Feb. 17 after church on missions in Haiti.

Jewel Lynn, Ashley Rigney and Pat Baker celebrated birthdays.

Prayer concerns: Adam Cooper, Alek Bowlin, Laura Buck, families of Glenda Downey, David Allen and Clyde Goodin, Mike Hatter, Shirley Brandenburg, Noah Laman, Donna Roe, Paul Hale, Geneva Price, Anita Fletcher, Donna Lee, Wilma Privett, Bill Chadwell, Gloria Krinusk, Taylor Allen, Haskel Gillock, Keith McClain, Roni Gilpin, Killus Emerson, C.B. Rayborn, Walker Coffman, June Phelps, Pat Luttrell, Kim Haste, Archie Coffman, Philip Gabehart, Louise Allen, Mildred Cochran, Sheila Rigney, Christine Wiser, Bill Phelps, and Marlene Melton.

Poplar Springs

Had 41 for Sunday school and 65 for worship. Bro. Johnny Maupin's message, "Are You Searching for Something Today?" was from Psalms 42:1-2, 65:4, 34:1-3, 133:1-3, Isaiah 59:1-2, Galatians 5:7, Luke 18:18-27, John 3:1-7 and 3:16, and Romans 3:23 and 10:9, 10, 13. Special music was by the choir, Marveta Russell and Blake Durham.

AWANA will do a church appreciation meal Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. AWANA's attendance was 22.

Prayer requests: Bem and Mary Poff and family, Shirley Simpson, Viola Noakes, Faith Head, Allen Johnson, Paul Hale, Noah Laman, Anita Fletcher, Abby Richards, Jessie Russell, Christy Rogers, Larry and Stacy Pitman, Dustin Gosser, Kent Hudson, Kathy Mathews' niece, Sue Clements and family, Bro. Johnny and Joyce Maupin, Crystal Davis, Ronda May, Brandon Taylor, and Mildred Randolph family.

Rich Hill

Wednesday night's Bible study covered Acts 17:17-34. There will be a women's Bible study group meeting at the church on Feb. 16 at 2 p.m.

The Sunday school lesson, "Raised with Christ," was from Colossians 2:6-15.

Bro. Steve Wesley's message was from Job 1.

His evening message was from Mark 2: 2-12.

Prayer requests: Clifton and Margaret Hale, David and Lisa Brown, Tyler Buis, Sue Buis, Zach Vaught, Frankie and Rachel Goff, Mildred Roy family, Bill Pendleton family, Donnie and Audrey Carman, Misty Hill and Allen, Cody Roy,

Caitlynn Murphy, Dennis Pond, Beulah Redwoman, Boone McQueary, Tammy Silvers, Mr. and Mrs. Bass Wesley, Iva Jo Powell, Wanda Wilham, Charlsie Buis, Jannis Phelps, Blake Carman, Brittany Carman, Brooklyn Carman, Brooklyn Wilson, Debbie McAninch, Robert and Mary Alice Ratliff, Isorah Ratliff, Robert and Rebecca Holtzclaw, Jack Vaught, Jeff Vaught, Johnny Vaught, Daniel Porter, Brian McQueary fs baby, Alex Colvin, Erica Benson, Tim Buis, Clyde Goodin family, Bro. Emmett Lanham, and Charlene Murphy.

Rocky Ford

Attendance was 26. Rev. Matt's sermon was from Genesis 1-24, "Man's Hope is the Gospel."

Jim Reed celebrated a birthday.

Prayer list: Paul Hale, Jerry Williams, Betty Bernard, Elizabeth Land, Marguerite Cummins, John C. Williams family, Clyde Goodin family, Jean Johnston, George Reed, Carol Gregory, Susan Hoskins, Larry Fuel, J.D. Ewing, Margie Richards, and Mildred Reed.

Sacred Heart

Ashes are available for any and all interested in coming to the three-minute prayer service on the steps of the Casey County Courthouse at noon on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13. The prayers are for our nation and all its politicians. Anyone can receive ashes.

St. Bernard

Parishioners are preparing for fish fry meals beginning with progressive stations of the cross (short meditations on the last few hours of the life of Christ) at 5 p.m. starting this Friday, Feb. 15, and continuing each Friday of Lent. Baked fish and special children's plates will be available this year.

The church is mourning the loss of Bobby Foster, whose funeral was Saturday.

Thomas Ridge

Bro. Hershel's message was from Acts 16:22-26, "Praising God." The evening message, "Spiritual Fire," was from Acts 2:1-8. Wednesday's message was from Acts 14:6-10, "The Double Cure - Physically and Spiritually."

Prayer list: Noah Laman, Mark Anspach, Pat Luttrell, Judy Wilson, Beckie Wilson, Ruby Withers, David Wilson, Elisha Ramey and family, Becky Melson, Dennis Emerson, Glenna Stephens, Brannon Absher, Mary Beth Hammond, Patricia Roy, Jamie Smallwood, Bill and Wanda Phelps, Bill and Karen Rill, Shirley Patton and family, Catherine Carr, Shirley Helm, Drema Thompson, Bill Whitaker, Steven Corrone, Emily Miller, Art Wanty, Jerry Hadley, Carolyn and Terry Goforth, Marvin Clements, Nichole Turner, Betty Bernard, Kendall Cloyd, Treva Richardson, and the families of Mildred Roy, Johnnie Watson, Clyde Goodin, Bill Pendleton, Hugh Smith, and Exie Williams.

Valley Oak

Attendance was 64 for Sunday school and 65 for worship. Special singing was by the church quartet. Terry Mullins read Romans 5:7-8 for devotional.

Celebrating birthdays were Mary Lou Carman and Ronald Lawless.

Ladies' meeting will be Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. Prayer requests: Arthur and Wilma Wesley, Edna Maddox, Glen and Marie Carman, Debbie Wesley, Doug and Clara Gorton Josephine Powell, Nate Cape, Marilyn Wesley, Julie Holt, Brian Cravens, Judy Wilson, Allen Long, Hillary McGuffey, Violet Buis, Susan Godbey and family, Amy Stephens, Vincent Wall and family, Troy and Elaine Merrick, and Danna and Ethan Lawless.

Walltown

Attendance was 46. Sunday school lesson was from Colossians 2:6-15, "Raised with Christ," taught by Ray Meece.

Special singing was by Ray Meece, Jo Meece, Lynville Hatter and Heather Twilley. Bro. Lynville Hatter's message was from John 4:15-26, "The Gifts of God."

The evening message was from Luke 10:25-37, "Showing Mercy." Special singing was by Jo Meece.

A singing will be held Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. featuring the Daltons.

Prayer requests: Leona Dunham's family, Travis Durham's family, Jenny Lee, Barbara Tucker's family, Reba Phillippe, Noah Laman, Charlsie Buis, Ray and Jo Meece family, Michael Dick's mother, Jeremy Franks and kids, Robert Ratliff, Susan Hoskins, Leroy Wesley, Jim Baker, Kevin Dunham, and Delmar Sims.

Walnut Hill

Attendance was 107 with nine in the youth choir. Bro. Rodney Smith's message, "God Will Help You Face Your Challenges," was from Matthew 15:21-28.

Wednesday night service is at 7 p.m. studying Isaiah 64. Youth will meet in the fellowship hall.

Prayer requests: Mike Hatter, Lester Roy, Pauline Morgan, Billie Wilson, Anna Patterson, Teresa Beal, Michael Beal, Amy Patterson, Lewis Brown, Cecil Hatter, Noah Laman, Jason and Becky Poff, Brayden Taylor, Amy Chansler, Lester Brown, Marlo Warner, Betty and Eddie Price, and Beverly Salyers.

Watson Chapel

Attendance was 17 for Sunday school and 25 for worship. Devotional reading was from Romans 8:31-39. Ethan Russell received the Best Sunday School Attendance trophy for 2012.

Bro. Sherman Floyd's message, "How to Beat Boredom," was from Isaiah 40:28-31.

Prayer list: Marie Drostie, Mary Watson, Jean Ellis, Noah Laman, Chris Murphy, Ronald Napier, Magdalene Sims, Lester Wesley, Arvin Crew, Audrey Hines, Jacob Wilson, and the Kenneth Burton family.

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Feb. 12, 2003

The Casey County Board of Education was pondering the approval of the district's school facilities plan that included merging Middleburg and Garrett elementaries. A public hearing showed that parents were split on the merge.

Winter weather was bringing a punch. Casey County students had missed 16 days of school by this week due to snow, illness and a water line break.

A Liberty man charged with the death of his 2-year-old son in April 2001 was granted probation.

Chad Weddle joined the Casey County Sheriff's Office as a deputy on Feb. 1.

Kenneth and Margaret King celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a surprise reception given by their children at Walnut Hill Church.

Sister Bartholene Warren, an Ursuline Sister of Mount St. Joseph celebrated her 100th birthday Feb. 10. Last summer she marked her 80th year as an Ursuline Sister. She taught at Bernard High School in Clementsville 1954-55.

Five of the six-member team that will select the applicants to interview for the next superintendent of Casey County had been QP HG ' IQK %XUQ Tim Goodlett, Kathy Lucas, Marett Overstreet and Cecil Hatter.

The city of Liberty was planning to consult with the state fire marshal's office to see if a course of action can be taken to stop residents and/or business owners from placing metal roofs over the top of shingle roofs. Liberty IJH & KH ' RQD% : IORQ brought the matter to the city council's attention due to a recent fire.

Natalie Wesley, Sarah Austin, Kelli Warner and Jenna Lee were recognized at the Lady Rebels golf team banquet on Jan. 22.

A Casey County man charged with numerous sex offenses was found guilty after a two-day trial in Casey Circuit Court.

Obituaries: Lovie M. %XFN %DEDD\$ ' HU ringer, 62; Anna F. Parker,

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20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1993

A solid waste coordinator was expected to be named VRRQ -XG H([HFXWH' D vid Johnson presented the names of four of the nine applicants whom he wants the fiscal court to interview before filling the post.

Proposed changes to Liberty's zoning ordinance were to be discussed before the Liberty Planning Commission.

Schools in Casey County were closed for the remainder of the week due to an outbreak of flu and the high number of absentees.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mc- ' RQD% FHDEUDMG WHU 56th wedding anniversary.

Casey High Rebel basketball player Rance Baird broke a 16-year record with his 1,513 points. The previous record of 1,500 points was held by Randy Salyers.

7KH & DH & RXQW ' UD ma Club was preparing to present "Beauty and the Beast."

February was foster parent Recognition Month and a story featured foster parents Bill and Chris Collins.

A 16-year-old Casey County girl sustained injuries in a one-vehicle accident on Ky. 1547 near Chestnut Grove Baptist Church.

A survey of Casey County teachers showed that they don't favor half-days of school.

County Clerk Ruth Smith said the large number (75) of candidates seeking political office was creating a nightmare for her office.

Lake Cumberland Home Healthy Agency honored Alice Wilson and Joetta Russell for their years of dedicated service to the agency.

Airman Jonathan S. Moore graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He IYWHVQRI + DRO% ' DQ Thelma C. Moore of Kings Mountain and a 1992 graduate of CCHS.

Larry Lee was cast as the Beast, while Catherine Blake starred as the Old

Woman (witch) and Rose Legend (agent of the Witch) was played by Stacy Terry in the high school's play.

A one-pound roll of Purnell's sausage was \$1.69 at Abe's Pic-Pac.

Bananas were 29 cents a pound at Save-A-Lot.

Obituaries: William L. Clements, 74; Anita E. Martin, 79; James Tate, 58; Montie Marie Combs, 77; Ethel M. York, 94; Gertrude Wheeler, 81; Alma E. Coleman, 75; Lillian G. Peyton, 74; Perry E. Cranstan, 89; Bessie Fair, 73; / XFI \$ QQ' RZ QV

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 9, 1983

' XUQ WH QDWRQZIGH independent truckers strike, many gate haulers were hesitant to travel and risk injury to themselves or damage to their trucks.

A two-ton truck loaded with farm gates overturned on its side in the parking QWRRI \$ ' 6XSHP DNHW The driver was not injured but the cab of the truck was damaged considerably.

5HY + DU ' RRO' SDV ter of First Baptist Church, returned home after a three and one-half week missionary trip to Nigeria in Africa.

Approximately 38 tires were punctured in the parking lot outside of Freedom Tabernacle while a church service was being conducted.

Four people were arrested on a charge of criminal attempt following an attempted break-in in the Butchertown community.

Johnnie Beard Jr. completed a three-day Real Estate at Auction seminar conducted in Louisville by the National Auctioneers Association.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, formerly of Casey County, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Winners in The Casey County News' Basketball Contest were Jeff Pendleton and Phillip Lynn.

The Casey County High School Beta Club jumped rope to raise money for the American Heart Association.

King or queen waterbeds WUWG DW DW RZ ell Furniture Company.

Lean ground chuck was \$1.59 per pound at Abe's Pic-Pac.

37RRWH Z IWK ' XWQ Hoffman was showing at & IQP DV, ,, IQ' DQYCOH

Obituaries: Lonnie G. Hudson, 90; Johnny B. Adams, 68.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1973

Pamela Wesley, daughter MURI ' U DQGO IV ' DYG Wesley, won third place in the state Soil Conservation Essay Contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Watson of Yosemite celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

John Shugars, coordinator of horticultural programs, hosted and presided over a fruit growers meeting IQ' IHDXUQ : ' \$ UP strong, UK's Extension Specialist in Horticulture.

Salaries of Liberty policemen were raised at a meeting of the city council. Starting salary was \$325 per month and the maximum pay, based largely on seniority, was \$450 per month.

Marsha Gay Hamilton of Yosemite was named to the dean's list at Midway College for the 1972 fall semester. She was a freshman nursing major.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester ' HN RI & IQIV 6WUH FHQ ebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

7KH8 6' \$ UDSHGWHHW bacco quota 5.2 percent for 1973.

A 24-ounce bottle of Bob White premium syrup was 39 cents at Frederick & Godbey Grocery in Yosemite.

A one-pound package of beef patties was 79 cents at \$ ' 6XSHU DNHW

"Stand Up and Be Counted" with Stella Stevens and Jacqueline Bissett was showing at the Kentuckian theater.

Obituaries: Franklin Tarter, 85; Imogene Wesley, 55; Noble Martin, 67; Vernon Waymon, 43.

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 14, 1963

Wayne Wells of Middleburg High School was honored at a banquet in Louisville as the Cumberland

FOCUS ON THE PAST



photo submitted/ELIZABETH SNOW KUSKE

Snow family

Only two people in this old photo are identified — Jim Snow (top left) and his wife, Nannie Reed Snow (bottom right). They are the grandparents of Elizabeth Snow Kuske. If anyone knows the identity of the others please contact Kuske at 606-346-2948.

' IWMFW)) \$ ZIQUH + H was cited for outstanding achievement, leadership, and scholarship. Larry Roy, another member from Middleburg High, was honored at an awards luncheon at UK for his outstanding accomplishments in dairying.

Around 100 Liberty residents circulated a petition asking for consolidation of the two high school systems.

Superintendent Harold Murphy swore out a warrant against a parent who assaulted him over a disagreement about where the parent's children must attend school.

Pfc. Michael Land, USMC, left Camp Lejeune for a six-month Mediterranean cruise.

A disagreement between the county school board and the city of Liberty over wa-

ter for the new high school led to a hearing before the Hon. Jas C. Carter Jr.

Burley tobacco allotments for 1963 would remain at the 1962 level.

New officers for the Middleburg FHA were: president, Joy Wells; 1st vice president, Brenda Mullins; 2nd vice president, Judy Hamilton; reporter, Sandra Mullins; parliamentarian, Sue Floyd; game leader, Sandra Johnson; historian, Clara Black; and song leader, Nora Vest.

"Tall in the Saddle" with John Wayne, Ella Raines, and Gabby Hates was showing at the Kentuckian theater.

Obituaries: Arizona Vandersommen, 73; Lewis T. Wilkerson, 74; William Byrd, 58; Shirley Brown Coleman, 34.

Fred's Finest

Fast time, slow time, who cares

Originally published in the May 4 & 11, 1983 issues of The Casey County News

Since retiring we have not been an early riser, in fact, somebody caught us getting up one morning at 9. We get up when we please these days, one of the benefits of retirement.

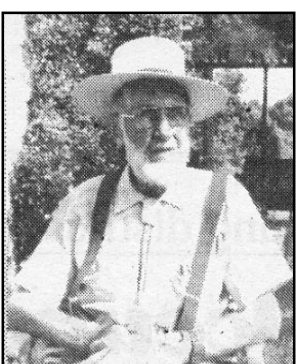
We pointed out it has not been so long ago when what is now 9 was really then 7 o'clock.

We used to be on Central Time. Central Time is about two miles from where we live in Adair County. That took care of one hour. Then comes along "fast time," "daylight savings time," etc.

Fast time actually got started in World War I, and then again during World War II. In 1973, we had fast time the year around. Lately it has been in the last part of April until the last Sunday in October.

Who messes up all these times? It is the federal government. The reason? Somebody has estimated it saves 100,000 barrels of oil a day, but nobody has ever been able to prove it. We doubt that, too.

Personally, we never did think much of early rising especially during our farming days. We always hated to wade through early



By Fred Burkhard
The Casey County News

morning dew with our pant legs wet half way up to our knees.

Fast time does, however, release Congressmen an hour earlier in the day so its members may get in 18 holes of golf.

Reflections on Scouting

When we first returned to this county, the old Lions Club named us scoutmaster in Liberty. We had been a Scout once, although not a very good one. There are probably few men these days who go into scouting voluntarily, and John Shugars is certainly an exception not only as a scoutmaster, but as one of the best in the state.

' XUQ WRMHDQ \HDY we had a fine group of boys, none of whom took scouting especially seriously, probably because their

scoutmaster had neither the time nor the financial means to do a good job.

Among those scouts were John Shugars, Pat Shugars, Humphrey Elliot and Phil- OS ' IORQ / RRNDJ EIDN we probably did not do them much harm either. All are in the teaching profession with master's degrees or better. At the same time, we were undoubtedly one of the worst scoutmasters in the state.

Later there was another group to come along, and while they seemed a bit ordinary at the time, the sharpest of these was probably Wallace Wilkinson. Three others we have kept up with are Johnnie Foster, John Burkhard, and Jimmy Lo Cravens. Foster was the only one we had in scouting who became a first class scout.

We finally threw up our hands over one issue which has always pained us. We were supposed to hold an annual fund drive, and we must say Liberty was generous. The late Jane Allen always gave \$20. This money could not be used on the scout troop, but had to go to scout headquarters.

This meant if we wanted to help some kid get a scout uniform we had to dig up the money from another source. One scout was fi-

nally given a scouting shirt by another boy who had outgrown his, and that was the extent of his uniform.

We never got much community help in those days, and we had one occasion where we got a second car to take the boys over to Berea for a three-day jamboree. When it came time to get a second car to return the boys, none was avail-

able from any of the parents.

We finally went to one father and told him we were going over to Berea to pick up a load of boys and his son was not going to be one of them. The father stirred his bones and made the trip, but reluctantly.

We mention this largely to compare our efforts with those of John Shugars,

bless his soul. If you do not help him, you are a rotten egg.

Editor's Note: As space allows, The Casey County News will reprint some of the stories, editorials and columns written by the late Fred Burkhard, former editor/publisher of The Casey County News. Stories may be slightly edited.

HOROSCOPES

Feb. 13-19

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 19

Capricorn, you may have big plans this week but that doesn't mean you can leave all other responsibilities by the wayside. If you can't get to things yourself, then delegate.

AQUARIUS

January 20-February 18

Aquarius, you crave change this week, even if it is something small and mundane. Figure out something you can do on a small level to incorporate change into your day.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

You may be inclined to help your community this week, Pisces. There are bound to be plenty of places to share your time.

ARIES

March 21-April 19

Aries, planning is going well and you have been following through with your responsibilities. Expect to tweak a few things in the days to come.

TAURUS

April 20-May 20

Taurus, open up to a trusted friend to regarding a significant decision you have to make this week. This friend can provide some valuable perspective.

GEMINI

May 21-June 21

A barrage of new ideas makes you a hot item this week, Gemini. Your brain is working overtime and you may be shocked at what you come up with.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Cancer, expect to see eye-to-eye with your significant other this week. You will be on the same page and this will help to strengthen your relationship.

LEO

July 23-August 22

Leo, embrace the opinions of those closest to you. Those opinions might differ from your own, but they may also provide you with some important perspective.

VIRGO

August 23-September 22

Try something different this week, Virgo. It may mean taking a new route to work or trying a new food. Try something that is out of your element and you may find you like it.

LIBRA

September 23-October 22

You will be full of energy this week and ready to handle anything that comes your way, Libra. When you get on a roll, you may find you have some admirers.

SCORPIO

October 23-November 21

Scorpio, the coming week may try your patience. Relax when the week starts to prove too stressful, and you will make it through the week with your peace of mind intact.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22-December 21

Keep listening when others around you are talking, Sagittarius. You can learn valuable lessons just by keeping a trained ear on the conversation and use this information later on.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Matthew 5:3-9



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COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Centre

Nolan Weddle of Liberty was named to the dean's list for the fall term at Centre College, an honor reserved for students who maintain at least a 3.60 grade point average.

Campbellsville

Olivia Danielle Bastin, a senior of Yosemite, was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. Students are nominated by faculty and staff at Campbellsville University.

Eastern

Six local students graduated from Eastern Kentucky University at commencement ceremonies on Dec. 15 — Anna Hettmansperger of Bethelridge, BSN in nursing; Clinton Bowling of Dunnville, MS in Safety/Security/Emergency Management; Jennifer Hamilton of Yosemite, Magna Cum Laude BS in Child and Family Studies; Sandy Conder of Hustonville, MAED in Special Education; Barry Holt of Hustonville, Cum Laude BS in Psychology and a BA degree in Anthropology; and Amanda Spigle of Hustonville, Cum Laude BS in Elementary Education Teaching.

Western

The following Western Kentucky University students from Casey County were named to the dean's and president's lists for the fall 2012 semester.

President's list — Zachary E. Pennington, Dustin L. McQueary, Spencer K. Wright, Sarah G. Clements, Jenna G. Rousey, and Madison O. Marcum, all of Liberty; Meghan E. Hall of Hustonville; and Sarah M. Durham of Yosemite.

Dean's list — Robert T. Rousey, Michaela B. Curry, Ryan D. White, all of Liberty; Emily R. Moore and Curstain L. Lopez, both of Hustonville.

Full-time undergraduate students with a semester grade-point average of 3.4 to 3.79 are named to the Dean's List. Students with a GPA of 3.8 to 4.0 are named to the President's List.

Brown writes winning grandparent essay

Brayden Brown, a fifth grader in Kim Johnson's class at Liberty Elementary, is this year's winner of Casey County's Grandparent of the Year essay contest. The annual contest is sponsored by Kentucky AARP and the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association.

Brayden received a \$25 check from the Casey County Retired Teachers for his winning essay about his grandmother, Sherry Luttrell. Brayden is the son of Billy and Michelle Brown.



photo/SUBMITTED

Becky Wesley, right, president of the Casey County Retired Teachers Association, presented Brayden Brown with a check as the winner of the local "Grandparent of the Year" essay contest. Also pictured are members of the retired teachers association and members of Brayden's family, from left, Sue Ellen Johnson, Pat Delp, Barbara Brown, Martha McDonald, Bill Brown, Tishana Cundiff (behind Bill), Sherry Luttrell, Phyllis Reese, and LaVerne Davenport.

Why My Grandparent Should Be the AARP Grandparent of the Year By Brayden Brown Liberty Elementary

"Out of suffering emerge the strongest souls, the most massive characters are seared with scars," by Philosopher Jabear Jaboun Kaleal.

This quote describes my grandma perfectly. She is strong, smart, and a fighter. This is why I think she should be the AARP grandparent of the year.

My grandma works at the Casey County Hospital across from Liberty Elementary School. She is a social worker there and loves her job. She helps patients there feel more happy by playing checkers with them or other

games.

I met a patient there I will never forget. He taught me how to play dominoes and gave me a singing Frankenstein that I still have. She also stays with people that have Alzheimer's, cancer, and people with brain damage. The latest person that she stayed with is Miss Gene. She had Alzheimer's and died not too long ago. Now, my great-aunt Bessie, that has brain damage, is staying with my grandma.

A tree fell on my grandpa, leaving him paralyzed. So my grandma would have to

help take care of him. About that same time, my mom was just recovering from Gillian Barre Syndrome and then had a wreck that broke almost every bone in her body. All of that left my grandma, who was just recovering from cancer, to help them.

When my mom was in the hospital in Lexington, if my grandma had not spoken up to the doctor, my mom would have died by going into respiratory failure. This proves my grandma is strong, taking care of her husband and daughter while recovering from can-

cer.

My grandma might not be able to shoot lasers out of her eyes, fly, or turn invisible, but she is definitely my hero. My grandma has proven to me that a hero is not someone who can fly around the world in one second or being able to pick up a bus with one hand. A hero is someone who cares for others more than themselves. What powers my grandma to be a hero is love. My grandma is selfless, caring and strong. That is why she should be the AARP Grandparent of the Year.

Scholarships available for high school seniors

Seniors can apply for the Trooper Island Scholarship offered by the Kentucky State Police.

The scholarship award is \$1000.

Students can bring the completed application to the guidance counselor's office to have the form mailed by the April 1 deadline.

Any senior who would like to attend Kentucky Christian University may pick up an application for a four-year full scholarship in the guidance counselor's office.

Seniors who will major in agriculture or natural resource conservation in college can apply for the George Crafton Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship award is \$1000 and the deadline to apply is March 1.

For instructions and to print an application, visit <http://conservation.ky.gov/Pages/Scholarships.aspx>.



photo submitted/Teresa Terry

CCHS students meet with Sen. Paul

Members of the Casey County High School Student Council and Air Force Jr. ROTC took part in the Roundtable Discussion with Sen. Rand Paul on Friday at the Central Kentucky Ag/Expo Center. A panel of local residents representing various fields of interest in the community asked the senator questions. Representing the youth were Sarah Coffman, president of the CCHS Student Council; and Aubrey Buis with JROTC.

Breakfast, lunch menus for Casey County schools

Elementary & Middle School

Breakfast

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast and jelly, sliced pears or juice, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 14 — Chicken biscuit or cereal, toast and jelly, pineapple tidbits or juice, milk.

Friday, Feb. 15 — No school. Professional development for staff.

Monday, Feb. 18 — No school. President's Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 19 — Yum-

my yogurt and Scooby snacks or sausage breakfast bagel, pineapple tidbits or juice, milk.

Lunch

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — Pizza or barbecue on bun, salad, coran, banana, sliced peaches, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 14 — Corn dog or macaroni and cheese, carrots, green beans, fresh fruit, applesauce, milk.

Friday, Feb. 15 — No school. Professional development for staff.

Monday, Feb. 18 — No school. President's Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 19 — Ham-

burger or sloppy joe, oven fries, mixed fruit, apple, milk.

High School

Breakfast

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — Chicken biscuit or cereal bar and cereal, fruit/juice, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 14 — Breakfast pizza or waffle and cereal, fruit/juice, milk.

Friday, Feb. 15 — No school. Professional development for staff.

Monday, Feb. 18 — No school. President's Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 19 — Breakfast pizza or donut and cereal,

fruit/juice, milk.

Lunch

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — Pinto beans or pizza, combread, macaroni and cheese, diced tomatoes, green beans, apple/sliced pears, chocolate oatmeal bar, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 14 — Chili dog or cheeseburger, french fries, baked beans, applesauce,

graham cracker, apple/orange, milk.

Friday, Feb. 15 — No school. Professional development for staff.

Monday, Feb. 18 — No school. President's Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 19 — Corn dog or cheeseburger, oven fries, peas, carrots, chocolate chip cookie, apple/orange, milk.



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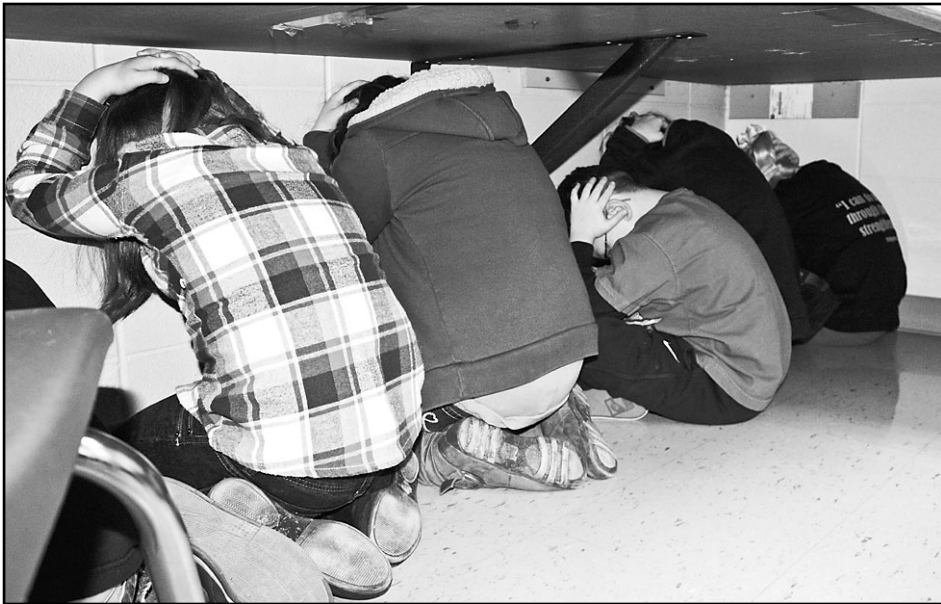
January PAWSitive Panthers

The following students were named PAWSitive Panthers for January at Jones Park Elementary. Front row, from left, Lucas Ponder, Hailey Yocum, Aaliyah Scott, Raven Wesley, Cole Phillips, Brandon Carman. Second row, Chloe Means, Nolan Wesley, Sophia Howard, McKayla Yocum, Erin Morgan, Luis Castillo, Rose Elliott. Back row, Caleb Thompson, Madison Zaborowsky, Alyssa Jones, Madison Carman, Alexis Gossett, and Evan Lucas. Absent was Shayla Brown.

Drop, Cover and Hold On

Students at Jones Park Elementary participated in The Great U.S. Central ShakeOut on Thursday morning. The goal of the ShakeOut, which included Kentucky and eight other states, is to get everyone prepared for major earthquakes by providing an opportunity to learn what to do before, during, and after an earthquake. Pictured are students in Kathy Carman's computer lab class during the time of the drill. Participants are told to "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" as if there is a major earthquake actually occurring.

photo/AMANDA COLE



photo/AMANDA COLE

Doodle 4 Google

The Casey County Public Library held an event on Feb. 6 for K-12 students to learn about and enter in Google's annual art contest, Doodle 4 Google. This year's theme is "My Best Day Ever." Students redesign the Google home page logo for a chance to have their artwork appear on the Google home page, receive a \$30,000 college scholarship, and a \$50,000 technology grant for their school. Pictured is home-schooler Elizabeth Sizemore, 11, designing her logo submission.

DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS NOTICE

In accordance with district procedures and records retention guidelines, the following special education records housed at Casey County Board of Education Office will be destroyed thirty days from date of this notice: Special Education Due Process Records for students who attended Casey County Schools and were born before 1989. Parties desiring a copy of such records must contact

Barry Lee, Director
of Special Education at 606-787-6941
no later than Feb. 27, 2013.

Rebels end regular season 13-15 with a win at home

By Rita “Peat” Harris
Sports Correspondent

The Rebel basketball team took two road losses last week but finished out the week with two victories, including a win in their final home game of the season. The team is now 13-15, 0-6.

“We’ve got four wonderful seniors who pledged to me at the beginning of the year they were going to make difference in this program,” said Coach Darryl Burkett. “(Saturday night) was a culmination of that. This is how they deserved to play their last (home) game.”

vs. Danville

The Danville Admirals (10-13, 4-2) shot 63 percent from the field last Tuesday, to Casey’s 23 percent. The result was a 36-point defeat for the Rebels, 61-25.

“Danville has a great team,” Burkett said. “Danville had a great game plan for us in the way that they trapped us and kept us from getting in spots where (we could) shoot the ball.”

Danville took charge early and scored 27 points in the first quarter and limited Casey to only five.

Despite playing the Admirals closer in the second quarter, and Danville scoring only 19 points in the second half, the Admirals’ dominance ensued to the end.

Taylor Leigh was Casey’s leading scorer and put up six points.

vs. Green County

Casey had a chance for a comeback against Green County (9-18, 2-4) on Fri-



Skyler Wright looks for an opening to the basket in the Rebels’ win against Cumberland County.

photo/CHRIS ZOLLNER

day night when the teams began the fourth quarter, but Green County prevailed, 68-50.

“We had no effort, no energy. We shot it terrible,” said Burkett. “If we make our first couple of shots, then we’re ready to go play, (but) we missed our first seven and from that point on we had our head down.”

The Rebels trailed only by six at the end of the first quarter, 21-15. Green County continued to extend their lead little by little but Casey was within 10 as the final quarter began, 44-34.

However, Green County put the nail in the coffin and drove their lead up to 18 in the fourth quarter and took the victory.

Despite the team only shooting 36 percent from the field, Leigh had a double-double with 19 points

and 12 rebounds. Smith scored 16 points.

vs. Cumberland County

Casey turned around from their Friday night loss to take a 31-point victory over Cumberland County (7-17, 2-4) in their final home game of the season, 70-39.

“Cumberland County is very athletic and trapped us the exact same way Danville did and our kids moved the ball, found an open man. We played like I envision us playing,” Burkett said.

Casey showed their strength in the first quarter when they went on a 16-point run over a four and a half minute stretch when Cumberland could not find the goal. By the end of the quarter, Casey led 20-6.

Cumberland found its

shot again in the second quarter, but the Rebels still stretched their lead. The halftime score was 35-17.

Casey never allowed Cumberland to make ground on them in the second half but managed to double their own score to result in the 70-39 triumph.

Leigh and Smith combined for 43 points, scoring 22 and 21 respectively.

vs. McCreary Central

The Rebels pulled out a close win Monday night when they traveled to McCreary Central to defeat the Raiders, 72-68.

After a neck-and-neck first quarter, Casey edged ahead of McCreary Central (10-16, 2-4) by halftime to lead by four, 31-27.

The Rebels continued to extend their lead in the third quarter and lead by 10

STATISTICS

| vs Danville | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| Casey County | 5 | 10 | 2 | 8 | 25 |
| Danville | 27 | 15 | 10 | 9 | 61 |
| INDIVIDUAL STATS — Taylor Leigh 6; Jordan Brown 3; Micco Randall 3; Zach Scott 3; Micah Smith 3; Matt Bianconi 2; Landon Carman 2; Skyler Wright 2; Tyler Pennington 1. | | | | | |
| vs Green County | | | | | |
| Casey County | 15 | 9 | 10 | 16 | 50 |
| Green County | 21 | 12 | 11 | 24 | 68 |
| INDIVIDUAL STATS — Leigh 19, 12 rebounds; Smith 16; Hill 5; Wright 5, 4 assists; Bianconi 2; Scott 2; Jericho Propes 1. | | | | | |
| vs Cumberland County | | | | | |
| Casey County | 20 | 15 | 19 | 16 | 70 |
| Cumberland Co. | 6 | 11 | 13 | 9 | 39 |
| INDIVIDUAL STATS — Smith 20; Leigh 16, 9 rebounds; Hill 9; Scott 8; 4 assists; Wright 6, 5 assists; Bianconi 5, 4 assists; Propes 5; Pennington 1. | | | | | |
| vs McCreary Central | | | | | |
| Casey County | 9 | 22 | 16 | 25 | 72 |
| McCreary Cen. | 9 | 18 | 10 | 31 | 68 |
| INDIVIDUAL STATS — Hill 19, 14 rebounds, Leigh 18, 9 rebounds; Scott 12, 5 assists; Smith 8; Wright 8, 8 assists; Bianconi 7. | | | | | |

heading into the final eight minutes of play.

Trailing by a decade was not enough to discourage the Raiders, though. The two teams put up nearly as many points in the final quarter as they did the entire first half, with McCreary Central outscoring Casey, 31-25.

Fortunately, Casey held onto the four-point lead they earned in the first half to pull out the 72-68 victory.

Free throws made up 45 of the points earned by the two teams, Casey shooting 52 percent from the line and earning 23 points to McCreary Central’s 42 percent and 22 points.

Hill and Leigh put up big numbers. Hill earned a dou-

ble-double with 19 points and 11 rebounds while Leigh scored 18 points and had nine rebounds.

Zach Scott added 12 points and five assists while Skyler Wright had eight points and eight assists.

The Rebels play their final regular season games this week. They’ll travel to Lincoln County for a double-header with the Lady Rebels on Friday and then play Riverside Christian in a rescheduled road game on Saturday.

The schedule and alignment of the 47th District Tournament takes place today and the tournament will begin next week at Somerset High School.

Lady Rebels plagued by injuries

By Rita “Peat” Harris
Sports Correspondent

Ankle injuries plagued the Casey County Lady Rebels (10-13, 5-1) last week as the team took two regional losses on the road to Boyle County and Mercer County.

Jasmine Johnson sat out both games after turning her ankle against Adair County on Feb. 4. Tiara Cochran led scoring in last Tuesday’s Boyle County loss, but the sophomore took to the bench early in the team’s faceoff with Mercer County.

“She stepped on somebody’s foot and turned her ankle,” said Coach Randy Salyers.

According to Salyers, Cochran’s injury came in the third quarter.

“She did try to come back and play on it fourth quarter, but we just turned around took her right back out,” said Salyers.

Johnson is close to recovering, but Salyers expected both athletes to sit out yesterday’s game against Burgin.

“We will probably start somebody else coming in on the four position and move Christin Terry to a three and go with a bigger line up in that situation,” Salyers said.

Results were unavailable at press time.

“Tiara will probably be out until district tournament, but I look for Jasmine to play later this week,” said Salyers.

“Tiara could probably play Thursday or Friday but we’ll just see how she handles it.



Lady Rebel Kyra Eads dribbles around a defender during last Friday’s game against Mercer County. The Lady Titans beat Casey, 70-55.

photo/CHRIS ZOLLNER

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| vs. Boyle County | | | | | |
| Casey County | 11 | 7 | 14 | 17 | 49 |
| Boyle County | 13 | 15 | 9 | 19 | 56 |
| INDIVIDUAL STATS — Tiara Cochran 14, 5 steals; Sarah Beard 11; Katie Douglas 7; Lakken Miller 5, 6 assists; Mariah Richardson 5; Christin Terry 5; Brooklyn Snow 2. | | | | | |
| vs. Mercer County | | | | | |
| Casey County | 11 | 16 | 18 | 10 | 55 |
| Mercer County | 14 | 30 | 15 | 11 | 70 |
| INDIVIDUAL STATS — Terry 11, 7 rebounds; Douglas 8; Kyra Eads 7; Miller 7, 4 assists; Callee Bastin 5; Beard 5; Mariah Richardson 5; Cochran 4; Kelli Wilson 3. | | | | | |

twice as many three-point shots as the Lady Rebels last Friday night. With over half of their points coming from behind the arc, the Lady Titans took Casey down, 70-55.

“We were more in sync with each other (than against Boyle County), they just shot the ball extremely well. They hit 13 threes on us,” said Salyers.

It was primarily the second quarter that hurt Casey. Down only three, 14-11, at the end of the first quarter, Mercer racked up 30 points in the second quarter. Casey put up only 16 and trailed 44-27 at halftime.

The Lady Rebels came back some in the third quarter, but it was also when Cochran was sentenced to the bench with her ankle injury.

While Mercer’s scoring slowed in the final quarter, Casey was unable to make a comeback.

Leading in scoring and rebounding was Terry, who had 11 points and seven rebounds.

The Lady Rebels wrap

up regular season play this week when they host Burgin on Thursday and travel to Lincoln County for a double-header with the Rebel team on Friday.

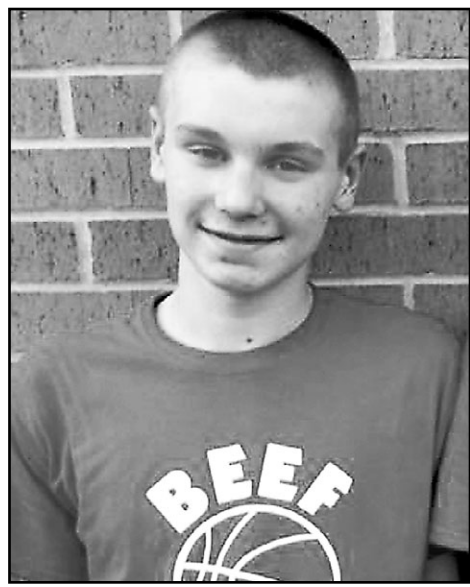
The 47th District Tournament alignment and scheduling takes place today, as games will ensue next week.



Basketball Sweethearts

Five senior athletes made up the Casey County Basketball Sweetheart court during the ceremony at the Rebels’ home game on Saturday. Basketball player Jasmine Johnson was named the 2013 Sweetheart and fellow senior basketball player Katie Douglas was runner-up. Also honored as candidates were tennis player Tylyn Leigh, former cheerleader and softball player Bobbi Robinson, and VolleyReb Kaitlyn Todd.

photo/CHRIS ZOLLNER



Redskins team goes undefeated

Algood Middle School seventh-grader Parker Payne was a member of the Redskins basketball team that ended their regular season with a 15-0 record. Parker played on the 8th-grade team. He is the son of Kelli (Luttrell) and Steve Payne of Cookeville, Tenn., and the grandson of Ronnie and Karen Luttrell of Liberty.

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NOBODY DOES IT BETTER

New running club extends season for runners

By Rita "Peat" Harris
Sports Correspondent

Some people enjoy an off season and others never take one. For Casey County's youth runners, there no longer has to be one.

Jon Vaughn, who volunteered as a coach with the Casey County cross country team last fall, is coaching a new running club, Kentucky Hills Christian Runners, which sent two runners to the Cross Country Coaches Youth National Championships in Terre Haute, Ind. in December.

"Since we are a brand new club, we were very proud to have two runners who run for Casey County schools qualify and compete," Vaughn said. "We had a few more runners qualify who could not make it, but look forward to fielding full teams next year."

Jenna Vaughn and Brandon Banks both competed in Terre Haute. According to Vaughn, he and the runners were pleased with their performance, considering the tough terrain and strong wind.

"Brandon held his own in his race and I was very pleased with his effort," said Vaughn. "Jenna placed well and was even able to out-perform one girl from

an area school who she has never beat by more than 20 seconds."

Of course, there is always hope for future improvement.

"There were very good runners from across the nation and just qualifying and competing can help runners get faster," Vaughn said. "Next year, we are hoping to get someone in the top 30. This would be significant, since they are competing against the best runners from many states."

Vaughn's goal with the running club is not strictly to give an off-season competition opportunity to Casey County schools' runners, but to extend the welcome to area runners as well.

"We are looking forward to providing this Christian atmosphere for young runners from our area," Vaughn said. "I hope we can build a team to compete in the off season which will include runners from teams we (Casey County) normally compete against. Also, it would be a great opportunity to run with students who attend Christian or private schools as well as those that are home schooled."

Vaughn says he hopes to include track meet oppor-



Jenna Vaughn ran with Kentucky Hills Christian Runners in the Cross Country Coaches Youth National Championship in Terre Haute, Ind.

tunities in the future in addition to the cross country runs.

"This was really fun and extended the cross country season for our runners," Vaughn said.

Vaughn encourages par-

ticipation from runners of all ages and levels. Anyone interested in learning more about the Kentucky Hills Christian Runners can contact Vaughn at jonvau@msn.com, with "Running Club" as the subject line.

Resourceless

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a SRO out there, we've done our part. It's time for someone else to step up," Sweeney said. As to which agency that will help remains to be seen.

Currently, the city and county have no funds budgeted for this salary and the district, in its 2013-14 draft budget, put \$18,000 toward a SRO salary, leaving a gap of \$25,000.

But even that amount of money in the draft budget isn't a done deal, said Superintendent Linda Hatter.

"This is a draft budget which is subject to change and this could change," Hatter said.

Casey County Judge/Executive Ronald Wright said that he's willing to sit down and talk with city and school officials to see what can be done about coming up with the money.

"I think they need one, but where do you find the money? We're not sitting on a surplus," Wright said.

If Casey County officials cannot agree on finding the funds for a SRO, surrounding counties see the need.

Boyle, Marion, Adair, Taylor, Lincoln, Russell, and Pulaski counties have SROs, either paid by the school district or split between the county and the district.

The Adair County School District partners with the Columbia Police Dept. on a 60/40 split, said Brenda Mann, Director of District Wide Services.

"If we had to pay it all, I don't know if we could afford it," Mann said.

In Taylor County, there are SROs in each of the three schools, and all paid by the district, said Marcie Close, finance director for the district, adding that the annual cost is around \$80,000.

Role of SRO

While a SRO is there to protect students, he will in the course of his everyday duties wear many hats.

Barry Lee, who was principal at Casey High from 2007-12, said a good SRO is an invaluable tool in the educational process.

"It's 2013, and a SRO is as much a part of an education system now as an academic teacher is," Lee said.

SROs, Lee said, build relationships with students where the kids come to trust and value that relationship.

"They know he's there to help unlock a car door or listen to a kid who's got someone bothering him, including domestic violence and dating issues," Lee said.

Rita Sweeney, who works with the school district's 21st Century Community Learning Center and is a club advisor at CCHS, said that kids in a recent Rachel's Friends meeting discussed the SRO issue in light of the recent Newtown, Conn. school shooting. Rachel's Friends is a club where students promote compassion throughout the school and try to help all students get

along, Sweeney said.

"They were very interested and asked me why we didn't have a SRO. When I told them I thought it was a funding issue, they asked me what they could do to raise funds to have a SRO," she said.

In addition, Lee said that often, the SRO is dealing with a small city such as the 1,200 people at the three Casey schools on 10 acres. And with that many people in a confined space, occasional disputes will arise.

Liberty Police Chief Steve Garrett said that he was at Casey High a couple of weeks ago on a walk-through and while he was there, a fight broke out in the hallway.

Garrett said that the number of times his officers are called to the high school varies, but the vast majority, he said, are for fights or students demonstrating a "lack of respect."

SRO options

Statewide, there are 241 SROs in the 1,233 public schools and that number will probably be climbing.

"I suspect that the number of SROs is going to increase by summer, said Lee Ann Morrison, School Safety Research Fellow at the Center for School Safety in Richmond. "I know of eight other districts that are in the process of hiring SROs."

Morrison said that there are basically three options for schools in hiring a SRO.

"You have a sworn law enforcement officer with SRO specialized training, an officer who is sworn for schools, meaning the SRO will only work in the schools, and then you have law enforcement officers who are assigned to the schools but without any specialized SRO training," Morrison said.

However, she said that the greatest challenge is not in finding qualified personnel but in funding the positions.

"We hear undercurrents that the Justice Cabinet may allocate \$2 million per state for SROs," she said.

Locally, three officers — Chief Garrett, Sgt. Randy Dial, and Deputy Chad Weddle — have undergone training at the police academy in Richmond in how to enter a school that is under siege from an active shooter.

Still, no one is willing to state that SROs on school campuses are a luxury that just cannot be afforded.

But until a funding solution is found, Chief Garrett and Casey County Sheriff Jerry Coffman said that members of their departments will continue to have an active presence in the schools, doing walk-throughs, interacting with students.

"Deputy Weddle and I were at Jones Park Elementary last week. They've invited us to come out anytime we want to," Coffman said.

Paul

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But for Paul, the bottom line is in balancing the budget, living on what revenue the country generates, and cutting meaningless entitlement programs.

As examples, Paul cited \$3 million to study monkeys on methamphetamine.

"Does anybody really care what meth does to monkeys?" he said.

Other examples of wasteful spending included spending \$325,000 to develop a robotic squirrel to see if a rattlesnake would strike a robotic squirrel that's not wagging its tail.

Also, \$500,000 was spent on college kids to develop a menu for when we colonize Mars.

"What did they come up with?" "Pizza," he replied.

Although some people say that cutting these types of projects out won't balance the budget, Paul said you have to start somewhere.

When Paul asked the crowd of about 150 people why should the U.S. send \$30 billion to countries where they chant "death to America" and burn the

American flag, his remarks were met with "amens."

"I'm trying to get President Obama not to send F-16s and tanks to Egypt who's not an ally to Israel," Paul said.

Paul continued with his litany of financial woes by referring to Medicare and its \$35 trillion debt.

"For every \$1 you pay in Medicare taxes, you're gonna get \$3 in benefits. Republicans don't want to get rid of it but we have to figure out how to fund it," he said.

While not as bad as Medicare, Social Security — \$6 trillion in the hole — also has to be fixed.

"Starting two years ago, Social Security paid out more than comes in. It started out as a pension program and has become a disability program. This summer we actually enrolled more people as disabled than were employed in one month," he said, adding that more than 8 million people are on disability, many of whom are able to work but choose not to.

"Every problem we have in Washington is fixable. The way we'll thrive again

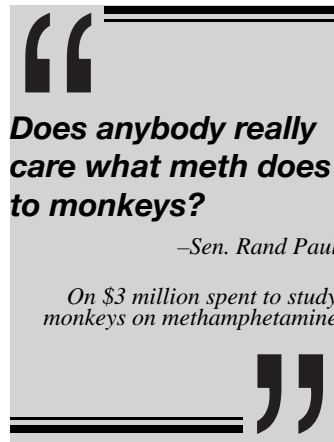
in Casey County and in Kentucky is when we leave more money here and send less money to Washington," the senator said, concluding his prepared remarks.

Continuing the theme on the debt, Liberty City Councilman Steven Brown asked Paul about his position on raising the debt ceiling and how he thought that will affect the economy.

"Congress has to vote each time to raise the debt ceiling. We have to pay our debt and we have to pay the interest on the debt. So when they talk about defaulting, that would be us not honoring our debt," Paul said.

While he's opposed to raising the debt ceiling, Paul also said that the country doesn't need to default on its obligations.

"Let's also don't default.



The federal government brings in about \$200-\$250 billion monthly in revenue. The interest is about \$30 billion so there's no reason to default," he said.

Not raising the debt ceiling means spending what comes in and Paul said that would be tough because the country would be forced to immediately balance a budget that's way out of whack.

Paul's five year plan to balance the budget includes dealing with cutbacks in entitlement programs such as Medicare and Social Security and passing a constitutional amendment forcing Congress and the president to balance the budget.

"I think they need a stronger set of rules and to me that's a constitutional amendment. They make the law and then evade it," Paul said.

Other questions from panelists centered on the farm bill, schools, creating jobs, and what Medicaid cutbacks would mean to dental providers whose patients depend on it for dental care.

Casey County High School Student Council President Sara Coffman asked Paul what Washington was doing to retain industry in areas like Casey County and the lack of incentives available to create new ones.

"When my education is complete, as well as my peers, how will we be able to find jobs in our area or at all?" Coffman said.

In a lengthy response, Paul said that companies in the the U.S. have to be competitive with regulations and taxes, citing the high, 35 percent corporate tax rate in America.

"If Tarter Industries has a profit at the end of the year, they have to pay a 35 percent income tax whereas in Canada it's only 17 percent. You can see why other companies want to move to Canada," he said.

Paul also cited too many rules and regulations in this country, especially af-

fecting coal companies in Kentucky.

In a question about guns and Second Amendment rights to own guns, Paul reaffirmed his strong stance on an individual's right to keep arms.

"I'm a big believer that guns are a great provider of self-defense," Paul said, adding that more regulations won't take care of gun violence.

"I think what we should try to figure out what to do and prevent people who are insane from having weapons but it's not easily accomplished," he said.

In an interview with reporters after the question-and-answer session, Paul said that he favors having armed teachers and staff in schools.

He also said that he's working with agriculture officials and other legislators in Kentucky who favor modifying a federal law which prohibits the production of industrial hemp in the state.

If the law isn't changed, then Paul said he will work with Gov. Beshear to seek a waiver from the law from President Obama.

Where's the fire?

Jonathan Nose with London Radio Service does troubleshooting on the fire channel repeater on Monday.
photo/AMANDA COLE

Radio trouble causing firefighters to scramble for information

By Amanda Cole
Staff Writer

When it comes to a fire, every second counts.

So it's understandable that the majority of fire chiefs in Casey County are upset that for the last few months they've had trouble hearing fire calls from E-911 dispatch.

According to the group, there have been problems with communication on the fire channel and transmissions have been difficult to hear or almost non-existent.

"Every minute we don't know where the fire is at or what's going on is a minute wasted," said Louis Shirk, chief at Evona Fire Department. "Sometimes it's clear as a bell but most of the time it's not. It could hurt everybody if we don't get it fixed."

There are separate radio channels/frequencies for the fire departments, the sheriff's department, city police, etc.

"You can barely understand it. It cuts in and out and has a lot of static," said Robby Murphy, fire chief at East Casey County Volunteer Fire Department. "It's been a problem on every call we've had since December."

The radio communication tower is located behind the Poplar Springs Fire Department on Dry Ridge Road, one of the highest points in the area.

The county switched the fire channel repeater to narrowband frequency before the end of 2012 as part of a nationwide effort to ensure more efficient use of all public safety radio systems.

"The fire channel wasn't as good as some channels before the switch, but we could function with it up until then," Shirk said.

When the switch was made, preliminary checks revealed that there might be a problem with the tower's duplexer so it was replaced on Jan. 29, said Rick Wesley, director of Casey County Emergency Management.

"We replaced the duplexer on it and thought we had it fixed," Wesley said.

Casey County Judge-Executive Ronald Wright said that he hasn't heard from any fire departments and has had only one magistrate ask him for an update on the status of the repeater.

"It should hopefully be taken care of this week if we can get the stuff to fix it," Wright said.

The current repeater was put in on July 29, 2010 for \$9,450.27, according to Deputy Judge Judy Allen. It replaced a repeater that had been struck by lightning, Wesley said.

"Even though this is kind of a stumbling stone for the firefighters, the good news is they have an alternate channel that they are and can be using — the emergency inter-op channel we put in seven or eight years ago."

The inter-op channel makes it so that no one is ever in a situation where they can't communicate with dispatch.

"We've very glad we have it in place so that they can use it until the fire channel is up and running like it was," Wesley said.

Where is the fire?

However, part of the current problem is that fire departments aren't hearing the initial call from dispatch to them.

The inter-op channel doesn't help when the fire tone is first called out on the fire channel.

"We have to sit and wait for it to page on another channel," said Jeff Owens, fire chief at Dunnville Volunteer Fire Department.

The delay can cost response time, which could be danger-

ous. "In the right circumstances it could be deadly," Owens said.

If they don't hear the fire call or can't understand it, they don't know where to go.

"It's hard to respond with very little information," said Larry Dale Harris, fire chief with Southeast Casey County Volunteer Fire Department.

There was a fire in Dunnville on Feb. 5 that Owens didn't hear on the first call because of the radio.

"They dropped the tone the first time and I didn't hear a thing," said Shirk, who is also captain for the Dunnville Fire Dept. "I just almost caught it the second time so I called dispatch (on the phone) and asked about it. I still had no idea where we were going. It's just bad, really bad."

Problems with the channel can go well beyond the initial call.

"If we get out in the county and need back up manpower or medical and we need it right then and you can't use that channel to get out — it's going to hurt us in the long run," Murphy said.

It can also be dangerous for everyone involved.

"If we go to a fire and can't hear what's going on, that's dangerous for my guys and the homeowners who may be trapped in there and can't tell us where they're at," said Mike McQueary, chief at Poplar Springs. "That bothers me."

He feels the problem has existed far too long.

"It's been like this for three months. There's no reason it shouldn't be fixed by now," McQueary said.

Cellphones vs. radios

In the meantime, several departments have had to rely on cellphones to communicate with each other and dispatch.

"I just use my cellphone; it's a lot easier," Owens said.

If not for their cellphones, some departments would have missed fire calls.

"There's been several calls I've not heard because of the repeater and if it wasn't for me having a firefighter who works on dispatch in the afternoon who sends me a text message asking if I heard a call I wouldn't have known about them," Harris said.

It has also caused problems from the scene.

South East Volunteer Fire Department was called out to a one-vehicle accident in January and needed to communicate with EMS.

"We couldn't understand anything," Harris said. "It was pitiful. I finally called dispatch on my phone. We just have to hope we can keep within cell phone distance so we can talk. We needed to tell EMS what we had. Sometimes when wrecks are far enough out, we'll be there five or more minutes before EMS. We'll be on scene checking patients trying to relay back to EMS and it's just about impossible."

Time to fix the problem

"I would like to see fire service have a bigger repeater with more wattage to help us out in our trouble areas," Harris said. "I'm probably 17 miles from the repeater and I don't hear it."

On Monday afternoon, Stewart Walker and Jonathan Nose with London Radio Service made a service call with Wesley to troubleshoot the repeater.

"We want this fixed as soon as possible," Wesley said. "We've been trying to get it taken care of and we'll continue until the problem is solved. We want it fixed and we want to provide the best equipment and service that we can for our responders."

Bond

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The public defender asked that Rigdon's bond be reduced to an amount that could be paid by his family.

"Whatever bond reduction we might have, we ask the court to set something for Mr. Rigdon and his family to make. They don't have a lot of money and there may be some possibility of posting a property bond, not in a great amount. Certainly \$1 million is the same as no bond," Horn said. "I don't know if he can even make \$50,000."

Horn called Rigdon's wife Faith to the stand in an effort to support his plea for the bond reduction.

Faith testified that her husband was the sole financial supporter for the family and cited health problems with her pregnancy, among them gestational diabetes.

In opposing Rigdon's bond reduction, Williams wasted no time pointing out the nature of the crime and other reasons to keep Rigdon in jail under a high bond.

"Your honor, this is a particularly heinous crime because it appears that Mr. Pyles was killed over a bad debt that he owed to Mr. Rigdon's co-defendant, Mr. Salyers," Williams said, also noting that in a statement to police, Salyers identified Rigdon in a convenience store videotape as the man who committed the murder.

In addition, Williams said that when Pyles was murdered, Rigdon was out on bond from a charge in Taylor County.

As far as his association with the Iron Horsemen, Williams told the court that the club could offer refuge to Rigdon if he chose to flee the area.

Horn rebutted that the only evidence in the case linking Rigdon to the crime are Salyers' statements alleging that Rigdon shot Pyles.

"Co-defendants say a lot of things and they point the finger at the other guy," Horn said.

Vance said that the bond set is within the discretion of the court.

"The bond should be commiserate with the gravity of the charges and the court should consider the defendant's criminal history and his reasonably anticipated conduct if released," she said.

Vance said that she had given considerable thought to this motion and in light of Rigdon's lengthy criminal history, and the gravity of the charges and his risk to public safety, she would deny the motion to reduce the bond.

Salyer's hearing

While Rigdon's hearing was relatively calm, Salyers' hearing would offer some courtroom dramatics on the part of Williams and Salyers' defense attorney,

Ted Lavit, of Lebanon, who has practiced law for nearly half-a-century. Both Williams and Salyers became animated at times, with raised voices and finger pointing in stating their evidence.

Lavit's only witness was Salyers' wife, Ruth, who testified that their children and three grandchildren live with her on a part-time basis on a 165 acre farm the family owns in Taylor County.

She also cited her husband's health issues as another reason for reducing his bond.

"He's a diabetic, he has rheumatoid arthritis, he's had four hip replacements and he has a heart condition," Ruth said.

Ruth, along with their son Derrick Salyers, has been charged with tampering with physical evidence in Pyles' murder and both are free on bond from Taylor County Circuit Court.

They are accused of getting rid of a pistol which police believe could have been the murder weapon.

During the hearing, Williams called Kentucky State Police Detective B.J. Burton to testify about a recorded telephone conversation from jail between Ruth and David where the couple talked about a trip to Mexico if he was released on bond.

Lavit accused Burton of not being completely honest in his account of

the couple's discussion of the trip to Mexico, meaning the conversation was about leaving the country to avoid prosecution.

Williams contends that what the couple intended to do was leave the country for good, an accusation that Ruth adamantly denied, citing the couple's upcoming 42nd wedding anniversary on Feb. 13.

Lavit said that the evidence indicated that the conversation was nothing more than talk about a celebration trip to Mexico when the case was over.

Burton also testified as to David Salyers' 40-year association with the Iron Horsemen, saying that on the night of the murder, Salyers' received texts from two former high ranking members of the club.

Lavit asked that Salyers' bond be reduced to \$200,000, which Vance denied, because of Salyers' financial status which she said could help him to leave the country.

Additionally, Anthony Byrd, Salyers' brother-in-law, has been indicted for criminal facilitation in Pyles' murder.

Byrd, who was Pyles' supervisor at Tarter Gate, allegedly told Salyers where Pyles was working in the pallet mill on the night of the murder.

State police have said there could be additional arrests in the case.

POLICE NEWS

Two charged with hunting violations

William E. Salyers, 23, of 1080 Rouse Branch Road, Liberty, was cited on Jan. 27 at his residence by Fish and Wildlife Officer D. Foster and charged with two counts of illegal take/pursue deer/wild turkey and resident hunting/trapping without a license/permit.

Jarod Paul Elmore, 35, of 7618 East Ky. 70, Liberty, was served a criminal summons by Fish and Wildlife Officer D. Foster accusing him of resident/hunting/trapping without a license on Nov. 10, 2012.

Four charged with DUI

Jordan Tyler Watson, 26, of 2048 Allen Creek Road, Liberty, was arrested by Sgt. Randy Dial on Feb. 5 at Beldon Avenue and Allen Street. In addition to DUI, Dial charged Watson with no tail lamps, no/expired registration plates, two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, resisting arrest, fleeing or evading police, criminal trespassing, two counts of third-degree criminal mischief, third-degree burglary, tampering with physical evidence, and third-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Paige Robbins, 22, of 1487 Shugars Hill Road, Liberty, was arrested on Feb. 4 by Deputy Jamie Walters on Ky. 198 and charged with fourth or greater DUI and third offense driving on a DUI suspended license.

Melissa A. Atwood, 41, of 770 Tennessee Ridge Road, Liberty, was arrested on Feb. 7 by Sgt. Randy Dial on Wallace Wilkinson Boulevard and charged with DUI.

Eddie J. Wesley, 33, of 1051 Hopewell Road, Harrodsburg, was arrested on Feb. 9 on Ky. 910 by Trooper Kevin Roberts and charged with first offense DUI, failure to wear seat belts, and rear license not illuminated.

Two charged with public intoxication

Justin J. Bernard, 23, of 462 Middleburg St., Liberty, was arrested on Feb. 6 on Middleburg Street by Sgt. Randy Dial and charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance and second-degree disorderly conduct.

Stephanie Clements, 39, of Wilson Ridge Road, Liberty, was arrested on Feb. 7 by Deputy Chad Weddle and charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance, first offense controlled substance of a prescription not in an original container, and first-degree disorderly conduct.

Man charged with having stolen property

Zachary Ellis, 26, of 100025 Ky. 698, Hustonville, was cited by Deputy Chad Weddle for receiving stolen property under \$500. Ellis is accused of taking steel belonging to Gary Coffman and selling it at Cundiff Metals for \$128.45.

Man accused of littering

Daniel W. Sneed, 26, of Yosemite, was issued a citation on Jan. 17 by Deputy Chad Weddle charging him with criminal littering. Court documents state that Sneed dumped and then tried to burn a large amount of trash and household items, including kitchen appliances, on Green River Valley Road.

Woman charged with false prescription

Lorraine G. Pritchett, 42, of 1580 Dry Ridge Road, Liberty, was arrested on Feb. 6 by Sgt. Randy Dial at Rite Aid and charged with attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraudulent/false statement/forgery.

Woman accused of drug possession

Tammie A. Crosier, 37, of 43 Westwood Drive, Liberty, was arrested on Jan. 4 on 113 Allen St. by Officer Joel Quillen and charged with resisting arrest, possession of marijuana, second-degree criminal trespassing, and disorderly conduct.

Man accused of criminal mischief

Stewart Davis, 32, of 1149 Tennessee Ridge Road,

Liberty, was issued a Criminal Summons by Deputy Chad Weddle on Feb. 9. The summons states that on Nov. 23, 2012, in Lincoln County, Stewart drove his Chevy S10 pickup truck through two gates and four fences on Tommy Case's farm. The value of the damaged items is \$1,500.

Juvenile charged with criminal littering

Deputy Chad Weddle reported that he cited a 17-year-old juvenile for admitting to dumping garbage out of his truck on Gum Lick Road on Friday. The juvenile told Weddle that on Sunday he would collect the garbage and dispose of it properly, furnishing a receipt as to where it was taken.

Man faces drug charges

Anthony W. Hogue, 44, of 507 Bastin Creek Road, Yosemite, was arrested on Feb. 2 by Deputy Chad Weddle and charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance, two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, and endangering the welfare of a minor.

Fire under investigation

The Dunnville Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call of a doublewide mobile home on fire at 8:20 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 85 OB Thomas Road.

Arson Investigator Detective Alex Wesley with Kentucky State Police said that he has opened a criminal investigation for the fire.

The home is owned by Sharon and Phillip Foley. Phillip, who was home at the time of the fire and received minor burns on one hand and foot, was taken to the hospital by a deputy with the Casey County Sheriff's Department said Dunnville Fire Chief Jeff Owens.

Owens described the home as "pretty much lost." Evona and Clementsville fire departments assisted on the fire.

Theft reported

The Casey County Sheriff's Dept. is investigating a burglary that occurred sometime between Feb. 6-7 on Carpenter's Creek Road. Anthony Dean told investigators that someone entered a building on his farm and took a blue mig welder, three saddles, five bridles, scrap metal, tools and a box of sockets, three electric saws, and a water pump and radiator from a 454 Chevrolet engine. The value of the items stolen is approximately \$2,150. Anyone with information about this theft is asked to contact the Casey County Sheriff's Dept. at (606) 787-6821.

Cemetery vandalism

Deputy Jamie Walters is investigating the vandalism of headstones at the Antioch Cemetery on Antioch Church Road. Caretaker Marilyn Haggard Clayton said that a car left the paved road that goes through the cemetery and hit two headstones, one marked Maurice C. Thomas and the other stone marked Geneva Ruth Thomas Lawson and Billy Gene Lawson. Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact the Casey County Sheriff's Dept. at (606) 787-6821.

Accidents send two to area hospitals

Deputy Chad Weddle investigated two automobile accidents last week that injured two people.

On Feb. 6, Roy Lester, 75, of 4432 Thomas Ridge Road, Dunnville, attempted to cross U.S. 127 onto River Road from the parking lot of Dogwalk Market in Dunnville. An accident report states that Lester's 1996 Ford Ranger pulled into the path of a 2000 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Jason Bastin, 38, of 26 East Pumpkin Chapel Road, Dunnville. Casey County EMS took Bastin to Casey County Hospital.

Deputy Weddle reported that on Friday, Pamela Vanhook, 56, of 3362 Whispering Tree, Amelia Island, Ohio, was headed north on Ky. 906 in a 2012 Toyota Forerunner when she ran off the right side of the road, overcorrected and crossed the road, ending up in a ditch. Vanhook was taken to Ephraim McDowell Medical Center in Danville by Casey EMS.

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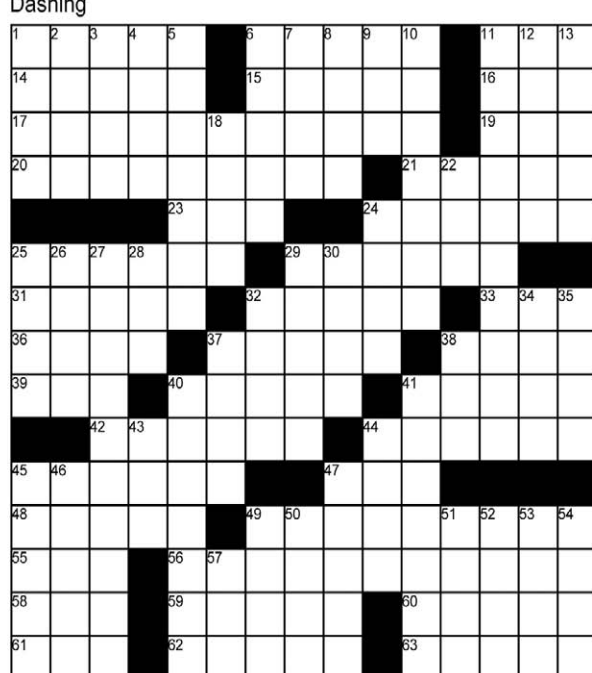
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